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RELIGION AND AMERICANISM
— in —
California and Elsewhere

"RELIGION was in California before California was American. The Episcopacy of Christ was here before there was a government. And religion is at the foundation of America before America was ever born.

"NOW if our rights come from God, who is doing most to preserve them? The schools that never mention His name? If our rights come from God, then most certainly only those who are taking God seriously are doing everything to preserve good sound Americanism. And if there is good, sound Americanism in California today, it is due to the fact that Christ and the things of Christ are preached here today.

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—From an address of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen delivered in connection with the ceremonies of the establishment of the Hierarchy in California. (See p. 4)

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It is a central clearing house of information regarding activities of Catholic men and women.

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—Pope Pius XI.

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OUR COMMON CATHOLIC INTERESTS

Holy Father Praises "Church and Social Order" Statement

THE Statement of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, on "The Church and Social Order" is termed "a contribution to the social health of the nation" that is "destined to exert a historic influence on the course of events in a period of change and crisis" in a letter which His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has received from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State. The Cardinal conveyed the wish of His Holiness Pope Pius XII that the Statement receive the "widest possible diffusion." Making known that the Holy Father "felicitates the Bishops of the United States on a work well and courageously done," Cardinal Maglione wrote:

"Your Excellency:

"At the command of the Holy Father, I have to acknowledge receipt of the copies which you forwarded recently of the Statement of the American Bishops entitled 'The Church and Social Order.'

"The publication of this Statement and the reception which it has had throughout the United States of America are causes of great satisfaction to His Holiness. Even the most cursory reading of the document reveals its importance as a contribution to the social health of the nation; a more careful perusal justifies the confidence that this utterance of the American Bishops is destined to exert a historic influence on the course of events in a period of change and crisis.

"By applying the principles of the great Encyclicals to concrete conditions and needs in their own land, the Bishops have rendered to their contemporaries and to posterity a service which it is difficult to exaggerate, a service which cannot but have the most beneficent consequences during the trying times of readjustment which lie ahead. For this reason, the Sovereign Pontiff is desirous that the widest possible diffusion be given to their Statement on 'The Church and Social Order,' and that it be made the subject of conferences, discussions and lectures conducted throughout the country for the benefit of clergy and laity.

"If this positive, Christian program of social teaching and action can be transferred from print into the minds and hearts of the people, there is no doubt that it will, by its appeal to the best that there is in human nature, supplant the many merely material philosophies which now dispute the field, and will win its way to ultimate acceptance.

"His Holiness cordially felicitates the Bishops of the United States on a work well and courageously done, and he imparts to them and to all who cooperate with them for the development of the Christian social order his affectionate Apostolic Benediction.

"Gladly availing myself of this occasion to renew to you the assurances of my own high esteem and religious regard, I am, Your Excellency,

"Devotedly yours in Christ,

"(S.) L. CARD. MAGLIONE."

San Francisco Celebrates Centenary of Hierarchy in California

WITH one of the most colorful and impressive ceremonies in the history of the Church in this country, the Archdiocese of San Francisco celebrated on Sunday, June 16, the centenary of the establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy in California. The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, paid his first visit to San Francisco, was celebrant of the Solemn Pontifical Mass, which was the highlight of the observance, and delivered the principal address.

A congratulatory message from the Holy Father, extolling "the glorious and outstanding achievements of religion during the last years" and looking forward confidently "to a renewed and vigorous future for the Church in California," bestowed the Apostolic Benediction on the clergy, the religious and the laity of the Archdiocese. An impressive sermon, tracing the history of the Church in California, was preached by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen. Fifteen Archbishops and Bishops from all parts of the West attended the observance.

"This centenary," said Archbishop Cicognani in his address, "recalls heroes of sanctity and apostles of unselfish charity, zealous heralds of the Gospel, humble priests who dedicated themselves not for a short while but for their whole lives to spreading the glad tidings of Bethlehem, to preaching the Christian Virtues enunciated by Christ on the Mount, to inculcating faith in the triune God, and thus to the diffusing throughout California of that civilization which is ours.... To believe and to work with Christ is the secret of life, of that life which endures not merely for a time, but for all eternity. That is the testament left us by the pioneers of Christianity. May its fulfillment always be the goal of the faithful followers of Christ."

In his sermon at the Pontifical Mass Monsignor Sheen said: "We are born to God, we suffer at the hands of the enemies of God, and we rise in triumph on Easter. Those were the phases of the life of Christ, those are the phases of the life of man, and those were the phases of the history of the Church in California.... Today, in this State, there are 1,000 priests and 1,000,000 Catholics enjoying the Easter of our history."

A telling excerpt from Monsignor Sheen's address is printed on the title page of this issue of CATHOLIC ACTION.

Apostolic Delegate Lauds Dr. Code's Dictionary of American Hierarchy

THE "Dictionary of the American Hierarchy," by the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Code, of the Catholic University of America, published recently by Longmans, Green and Company, New York, is described by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, in his introduction, as "a book which both sets forth an important historical record and evidences deferential regard for distinguished personages who have merited well of God and country." Archbishop Cicognani observes that this volume cannot but be well received, "and indeed welcomed with special acclaim."

The volume contains biographical sketches of all members of the American Hierarchy, living and dead, and 11 appendices giving a chronological list according to date of appointment, a necrology, the episcopal lineage of the American Hierarchy, titular Sees, foreign born members, members of religious Orders in the Hierarchy, American Sees with their occupants, converts in the Hierarchy, Cardinals in the Hierarchy, Apostolic Delegates to the United States, and Roman Pontiffs since the establishment of the American Hierarchy.

Describing the volume the Apostolic Delegate says that Dr. Code has collected the information which relates to all the Bishops of the country and that his work, which has great scientific merit, will be useful to the clergy and the American Catholic people.

"A number of the Bishops spoken of in this volume," he continues, "are held in common estimation as worthy to receive the honors of the altar. Some may be canonized in the not far distant future. Already the processes are under way which look toward the accomplishment of that design with regard to Bishop John Nepomucene Neumann of Philadelphia, Bishop Joseph Rosati of St. Louis, Bishop Mathias Loras of Dubuque, and Bishop Frederic Baraga, Vicar Apostolic of Upper Michigan. Many of the Bishops have attained distinction in the sacred sciences and in letters. All dedicated their lives to serve God, the Church and the nation, with fervent and beneficent zeal."

Leadership for Christ Asked by Msgr. Ready in Baccalaureate Sermon

THE right of the Church to teach truth fearlessly will be upheld by all who wish to save a just democracy in this country, observed the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in his baccalaureate sermon last month at Seton Hill College. This right of the Church, Monsignor Ready continued, is not challenged by government in this country, "but rather by institutions and individuals who give lip service to democracy, with its cherished free institutions, while talents and wealth are used to circumvent the diffusion of a liberty they extoll."

"Tyranny can exist without religion," he continued, "but a democracy cannot.... Today, as in other days, dictators set up their own religious creeds and threaten Popes with extermination if they go on championing the rights of God and of the Church, the sanctity of the home, and the inviolable rights of a citizen to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.... Today, as in

historic other days, the calm, dignified, clear voice of Christ's Vicar returns the invariable answer to both threats and promises: 'Keep they purple, Caesar; tomorrow the Church will bury you in it and chant over your corpse the Requiem and Miserere which never change.' "

Monsignor Ready said the "unchanging mission of the Church is to establish the Kingdom of God among men," and that "in order to accomplish that purpose the Church, through her Bishops, calls for men and women to be leaders in the cause of Christ." He observed that "leadership for the cause of Christ demands not merely knowledge," but that "it thrives in the will to serve the Church," and "springs from the conviction that the Church alone has the truth to guide men safely amidst philosophical vagaries and social nostrums and the sacramental power whereby men can overcome the world, the flesh and the devil."

Monsignor Ready told the graduates that their education had "emphasized the supremacy of the spiritual over the material and that the world's Armageddon will be fought over that issue. He pointed out that the whole philosophy of their lives is based on the preservation of those inalienable human rights and dignities which titanic forces are seeking to destroy, but that it is consoling to know that the "best minds today have recognized the evil effect of unbridled individualism not only in education but also in its social implications."

"I plead then, on this occasion," Monsignor Ready said, "for dedication to ambition and perseverance and leadership in the cause of the Church, because individual and social welfare rest upon the truth and power and guidance with which Christ endowed His Church."

CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED CATHOLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July, 1940

1-13—PRIESTS' SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER SCHOOL, New Orleans, La.
5-7—NEWMAN CLUBS—25th annual conference, New York, N. Y.
8-13—SUMMER SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC ACTION—Detroit, Mich.
8-13—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Summer School of Boy Leadership, Regis College, Denver, Colo.
15-27—RURAL SUMMER SCHOOL, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.
16—CELEBRATION OF CENTENARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF HIERARCHY IN CALIFORNIA—by Diocese of Fresno, Fresno, Calif.
16-18—CATHOLIC STATE LEAGUE OF TEXAS—annual convention, Windthorst, Tex.
29-Aug. 3—SUMMER SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC ACTION—San Antonio, Tex.

August, 1940

August 12-September 6—PRIESTS' SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER SCHOOL, Detroit, Mich.
19-24—SUMMER SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC ACTION—New York City.
20-22—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—58th annual meeting of the Supreme Council, Indianapolis, Ind.
24-28—CATHOLIC CENTRAL VEREIN OF AMERICA—85th annual convention; and NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION—24th annual convention; both at New Ulm, Minn.
26-31—SUMMER SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC ACTION—Chicago, Ill.
28-29—SOCIAL STUDY COURSE—under auspices of the Central Bureau of the Central Verein, to be held at New Ulm, Minn.
31-Sept. 2—NATIONAL CATHOLIC INTERRACIAL FEDERATION—annual convention, Detroit, Mich.
31-Sept. 3—ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA—annual state convention, Los Banos, Calif.

September, 1940

4-5—CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE—Province of Detroit regional conference, Detroit, Mich.
23-24—CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS—regional meeting, Rochester, N. Y.
29-Oct. 2—CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE—18th annual convention, St. Cloud, Minn.

October, 1940

1-2—CONSECRATION OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL, Toledo, Ohio.
12-15—CELEBRATION OF CENTENARY OF CREATION OF DIOCESE OF UPPER AND LOWER CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, Calif.
12-15—NATIONAL CATECHETICAL CONGRESS—Sixth National, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Milwaukee, Wis.
18-22—INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC ALUMNAE — biennial convention, Richmond, Va.
21-25—FIRST ANNUAL LITURGICAL WEEK—under the sponsorship of the Benedictine Liturgical Conference, Chicago, Ill.
24-25—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN—meeting of Board of Directors, Detroit, Mich.
26—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN—meeting of Diocesan Presidents, Detroit, Mich.
27—CATHOLIC LAYMEN OF GEORGIA SILVER JUBILEE—Savannah, Ga.
27-30—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN—twentieth annual national convention, Detroit, Mich.

November, 1940

13-15—ANNUAL MEETING OF ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE U. S., Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.
17-20—NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES—annual meeting, Chicago, Ill.

December, 1940

30-31—AMERICAN CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION—national convention, Detroit, Mich.

April, 1941

16-18—NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION Thirty-seventh annual convention, New Orleans, La.

Our Schools Prepare *for* Action Too

By
Catherine Schaefer

OF SPECIAL interest to all instructors and students in Catholic colleges, seminaries and high schools is the accompanying article, contributed by a staff member of the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department, explaining a special service available through that division of the Conference, i. e., monthly programs of study and action synchronized with the monthly study outlines prepared by the N.C.W.C. Study Club Committee and published in CATHOLIC ACTION for use during October to May of each year. The first outline will appear in the September issue. These outlines explain the moral principles and Catholic teaching involved in the problems selected for discussion in each annual series, and offer recommendations for group and individual action seeking their solution in the light of Catholic thought and practice. The article outlines briefly the 1940-41 program of study club discussions concerning which correspondence is respectfully invited by the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department.

"THEY sag in their seats and listen, and that's the end of it."

This trenchant criticism, directed by an intelligent young woman at members of an adult club, becomes less and less applicable to the students of Catholic colleges and schools, who will soon be a part of such clubs and groups as she was describing.

These young men and women and boys and girls are realizing that faith without works is vain and are rolling up their sleeves to get in trim for the jobs ahead.

Through the Church's teaching, they are learning that their religion is a driving force that can lift the face of the earth, and they are actively preparing to man the levers. They are learning that religion is not solely a matter of private devotion, an acknowledgment of Divine supremacy and a regulator of personal relationships. They know it must likewise pervade the many and complicated social relationships of modern times, in which the individual often wrongly feels lost and helpless. They know it must rule the relationships of families with other families; unions with unions; employers' associations with employers' associations; industries with industries; cities with cities; agricultural areas with other agricultural areas; states with states; countries with countries; and all with each and each with all.

Knowledge of Organization Necessary

And they are learning through the wisdom of their teachers and their awareness of the world that they must know something about the various types of organizations themselves and their relationship before they become overwhelmed with the complexities of the social structure and are unable or unwilling to apply their religious principles to what they may regard as a vast mechanism beyond their influence. As they learn about the various elements and organizations of social life, they learn to evaluate them in terms of right and wrong, of justice and charity, and of the common good—which ultimately means the supplying of all people with the best possible moral, cultural and physical means of saving their souls. They are learning to feel a sense of personal responsibility for the reform and proper functioning of social institutions. At the same time they know this must be done through group action. And the schools are providing them with opportunities to prepare for this action.

A Program That Helps

The Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has been working in many ways, formally and informally, to give moral and material support to this aim of the Catholic educational institutions. The monthly CATHOLIC ACTION programs which it prepares in collaboration with other departments of the Conference is a systematic service which has been developed to fill this need.

Some fifteen years ago the department in its comprehensive effort to popularize the teachings of "Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical on the Condition of Labor" suggested that Catholic colleges and universities put on special programs during May to commemorate its issuance. The idea was received enthusiastically and special meetings, public addresses, lectures and other programs on aspects of the Encyclical, in which the students actively participated, were given in educational institutions throughout the country. Thus in many cases the whole student body—as well as the small number of students who elected to take economics or sociology (and indeed the Encyclical was not always taught in these courses)—was given the opportunity to learn more about Catholic social teaching and its application in our own time to the conditions and institutions of our country. The practice of suggesting such

rograms yearly was continued with increasing success. ight years ago these May suggestions on labor were xtended to a year-round program covering many other ocial subjects, offering more detailed suggestions and upplying pertinent material and references.

ased on CATHOLIC ACTION Articles

The immediate occasion of this elaboration was the nitiation in CATHOLIC ACTION by the N. C. W. C. Study lub Committee of a yearly series of articles, pro-iding speakers and study outlines on a different sub-ect each month from September to June for special se by large groups, such as local chapters of the nights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, tc., which have regular monthly meetings. These ar-icles are subject to adaptation for forum, panel, or ymposium by these large groups as well as for the nformal small discussion clubs to which most other ypes of outlines prepared by the Study Club Com-nittee are directed. The subjects of the articles, which eceive a different orientation around a general theme ach year, are in fields covered by the various depart-nents of the Welfare Conference. Some of these topics re considered in months traditionally devoted to their romotion. For instance, in February (Press Month), he topic is "The Press"; January (the month of the Holy Family), "The Catholic Family"; May (in which ccur the anniversaries of the great social Encyclicals), 'Social Reconstruction"; November (Education Week), "Catholic Education." The articles are usu-lly divided into three sections to accommodate the pecial group use for which they are intended. The nethod of division has varied, but ordinarily the three ivisions represent: 1. A statement of the moral prin-iples and Catholic teaching involved; 2. A presenta-ion of the facts in this country and an application of he principles; and 3. Recommendations to Catholic rganizations as to how they might help make the facts onform to the rules and spirit of Catholic teaching.

When this series was started, use of the material egularly by schools seemed highly desirable, so special daptation of the articles and related material were ffered to them through the CATHOLIC ACTION Program ervice.

hat is the Service?

Two types of service are made available each month uring the school year to the subscribing educational stitutions, one consisting of a sheet of suggestions r special programs on the subjects of the month as atured in the CATHOLIC ACTION articles described ove, a yearly subscription to CATHOLIC ACTION, and rrent pamphlet material and other pertinent printed atter. The other service consists of the program ggestions alone.

ogram for 1940-1941

The 1940-1941 topics will follow those of the N. C. W. C. Study Club articles in CATHOLIC ACTION, a special feature of which will be the inclusion each month of a biography of an American Catholic prominent in the particular field. *"We Catholics and Our Country,"* is the general title, and all subjects will be treated from the standpoint of how Catholics can help the country. The material will be sent to the subscribing institutions one month early for use during the following month. The monthly schedule follows: September (for use in October) Our History and Our Opportunity; October (for use in November) Education; November (for use in December) Citizenship; December (for use in January) The Family; January (for use in February) The Press; February (for use in March) Lay Organizations; March (for use in April) Peace; April (for use in May) Economic Life and Social Reconstruction.

Who Uses It?

Confined at first to colleges, universities, Newman clubs and seminaries, the Service was later extended on a different level to high schools. Some 200 institutions are now on the subscribing list. Present developments include an adaptation for upper grammar-school grades by a Catholic publishing house with wide educational contracts, and an effort to have the Sisters in normal schools use the Service for laboratory experiment in program technique.

How Is It Used?

There has been attempt to integrate the Service into the regular class, club and assembly programs to avoid increasing the host of extracurricular activities to which the modern school is subjected. Most colleges and high schools have a daily or semi-weekly assembly which permits student presentation at least monthly of some program on the Service's current topic. This may be a short debate, a panel discussion, a symposium representing the different classes, or a round table discussion for the benefit of the student body. The Service suggests that the occasional or regular lectures by distinguished authorities usually scheduled by the school administration in the various fields, be followed by student discussion and other forms of activity.

Clubs of all sorts—debate, current events, literary, dramatic, art, sodality—are provided with suggestions whereby the topic may be integrated into the special purposes of the club through the presentation of active and interesting programs. Classes in Economics, Sociology, Religion, History, Journalism and others treat the problems involved and require collateral reading. For this, current material is supplied and suggestions made for its presentation by students themselves which include essay and oratorical contests, "bees," special quizzes of class "experts," living newspapers, dramatic sketches, research into local history and achievements in the subject, etc. School-wide contests for art posters, essays, etc., and various inter-class activi-

ties are also suggested. The display of scrap books, photographs, pictures, biographical material and the display and distribution of Catholic literature in novel and interesting forms are recommended. Methods of using the radio, the school press, the local secular and Catholic press, and the national Catholic press are advanced. Special local projects, such as visits to slum areas and housing projects, survey of wages in certain industries, analysis of political groups and persons, etc.—in order to supply concrete examples within personal experience of the facts to which the principles must be applied, are also recommended.

The Newman clubs have used the material with great success in monthly programs and in special continuing study groups.

The supplementary material which is sent to all the groups is a valuable addition to the permanent libraries, whether in envelope files or by regular catalogue. The pamphlets are sometimes currently displayed on the reference shelf or exhibit space of the library. The suggestions themselves are frequently posted on the faculty bulletin board, turned over to the council in charge of student activities, or put in charge of one or two faculty members who inform other faculty members of ways in which the suggestions may be used in their classes or in clubs of which they are moderators.

Announcing National Contests

For the past two years national awards have been made for the best short story and play embodying Catholic social ideals. The contest for the coming year will be for the best Catholic Action Program on one of the monthly subjects—either a variation of one of the suggestions sent in the Service, or an entirely new one. It must have been put on by the class or group in question and consideration will be given to originality of method and adaptability to age and interest level as well as to content. Two prizes of $25 each will be given—one on the high school, one on the college, level. The college group may have the option, instead of receiving the money prize, of sending one of its members (if a girl) to the yearly Institute on Industry conducted by the National Council of Catholic Women and the Social Action Department at the National School of Social Service in Washington.

Building for Unity

Boys and girls in school and college will be young men and women in the world. The ideals taught in Catholic schools do not conform with the practices of the world. In their adherence to Catholic principles, the graduates should not be lone individuals against the world. And there is no need for them to be. They will have the strength of the unity offered by the various forms of Catholic Action lay organizations which work under the Bishops. Through these organizations they will have the means of effectuating Catholic principles in all forms of social life, even the most complex. In accustoming the students to group action, in keeping them informed of the kinds of organizations—economic, political, social, as well as Catholic Action—of which they must become a part and in which they must act intelligently, the schools are building better than we know.

N. C. W. C. Annual School Supplement

IN THE summer of each year since 1934 the N. C. W. C. Press Department has issued an annual School Supplement that is widely used in the school editions of the Catholic newspapers of the United States. The purpose of this School Supplement is to give the readers of our Catholic newspapers information on the yearly developments in the field of Catholic education.

The contributors to the supplement are selected with the view to their national prominence as Catholic educators and their knowledge of the specialized subjects on which they are selected to write. The list of authors to date is a veritable "Who's Who" in Catholic education. The articles that have appeared include such subjects as "The Cost of Education," "Visual Aids," "The School Library," "Physical Education," "Vocational Education," "The College Curriculum," "Parents and Education," "Teacher Training," "Negro Education," "The Youth Problem," "Safety Education," "Religious Vocations," "Guidance Programs," "Rural Education," "Vacation Schools," "Educational Trends," "The Parochial School System," and "Catholic High Schools."

The articles prepared for the 1940 edition of the School Supplement are being issued to the subscribing newspapers for release after August 1. This latest series will maintain the same high standard of those previously published, and will have timely application to present world conditions.

The N. C. W. C. Department of Education cooperates with the Press Department in the selection of writers for this annual series and in the preparation of special articles.

The Catholic Periodical Index—1939

AGAIN *The Catholic Periodical Index* takes a forward step—the publication during the past month of the 1939 volume of the Index and, at the same time, announcement of the fact that work has started on another cumulated volume of past years' material and on quarterly publication of current material.

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CATHOLIC ACTION, one of the magazines originally selected for inclusion in *The Catholic Periodical Index*, is glad to be able to record this latest evidence of progress for the publication and to congratulate the Catholic Library Association again on its persevering efforts in the interest of Catholic research.

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A score of separate items calculated to interest every member of the family are embraced in the Feature Service which the N. C. W. C. Press Department makes available to the Catholic Press. A cartoon strip, an illustrated "Lives of the Popes," a discussion of marriage in the light of Papal Encyclicals, and a farm column are among the recent additions to this service.

National Catholic School of Social Service Marks Completion of Its 19th Year

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, marked the close of the nineteenth year of the National Catholic School of Social Service. The School was honored by the annual visit of the Most Reverend Archbishop Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, who celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the School Chapel. The graduating breakfast, presided over by the Apostolic Delegate and attended by the relatives and friends of the graduates, will remain a memorable occasion in the annals of the School. With unforgettable warmth and sincerity, His Excellency, charged the new representatives of Catholic Social Work "to become willing servants in the field of charity and Catholic Action, forgetting yourselves in order that the things of Christ may prosper."

The customary review of the past year was presented by Father Lauerman, the director of the School. He stated: "During the past academic year, the enrollment at the School totalled 89—66 were enrolled for full-time and 23 for part-time or special work; 56 were in residence at the School. In geographic origin the following was revealed: students from the East, 26; from the Mid-West, 16; from the West, 12; from the South, 6; 23 from the District of Columbia. Of the 89 students, 43 received their undergraduate training in Catholic colleges and 46 in non-Catholic colleges. The student enrollment represented in Dioceses was as follows:

Archdioceses		*Dioceses*	
Baltimore and Washington	41	Amarillo	1
Boston	1	Charleston, S. C.	1
Chicago	1	Cleveland	2
Cincinnati	3	Columbus	1
Detroit	2	Denver	1
Los Angeles	3	Green Bay	2
Milwaukee	1	Hartford	3
New Orleans	2	Kansas City	1
New York	2	Leavenworth	1
Philadelphia	1	Mobile	1
Portland in Oregon	1	Omaha	1
St. Paul	1	Pittsburgh	2
San Antonio	1	Providence	1
San Francisco	4	Rochester	1
Santa Fe	1	Springfield, Mass.	1
		Syracuse	2
		Toledo	2

A TOTAL faculty of 27, consisting of 7 full-time members, 3 part-time members and 17 lecturers, served during the year.

"Field work training was offered in Arlington County and Alexandria, Va., Montgomery County, Md., five agencies in Baltimore and twenty agencies in the District of Columbia."

The director's report emphasized the development of Catholic Social Work education in Washington through the coordination in the training programs of the Catholic University School of Social Work and the National Catholic School of Social Service. It was declared that the coordinated system offers both broader and stronger training programs to both men and women who come to Washington for their graduate professional preparation.

During the year students were aided by the following fellowships and scholarships:

Endowed Fellowships

Mary Gess Schrembs, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Cleveland	1
Christine Parrott Donohue, Mr. Joseph Donohue, San Francisco	1
The Queen Isabella Foundation, National	4
Hartford Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Connecticut	1
Teresa Molamphy, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Pittsburgh	1
Anna Clark Hanna, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, San Francisco	1
Mrs. Loretta Hines, Chicago	1

Annual Fellowships and Scholarships

Young Ladies Institute, Pacific Coast	1
Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, D.D., Los Angeles	1
Rt. Rev. R. Marcellus Wagner, Cincinnati	1
Mrs. R. K. LeBlond, Cincinnati	1
The Associated Alumnae of Sacred Heart Convents, Kansas City	1
Mrs. Philip Brennan, Brooklyn	1
Rt. Rev. Francis J. Haas, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Milwaukee	1
Omaha Diocesan Council of Catholic Women	1
Department of Education, Puerto Rico	1
C. D. of A., Court District of Columbia No. 212	2
Toledo Catholic Charities	2
Overseas Division, National Council of Catholic Women	1
Washington Auxiliary, National Catholic School of Social Service	2
Committee of Twenty-Five, Washington, D. C.	1
Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York	1
National Youth Administration	4

The director's report listed contributions to the following funds:

A. To the Endowment Fund (Daughters of Isabella, $20,000.00)		$21,793.00
B. Reserve funds for Scholarships		1,100.00
Washington Aux. N. C. S. S. S.	$600.00	
Fort Wayne Diocesan Council	500.00	
C. Individual Scholarships and Fellowships		6,767.00
D. To the Operating Fund from Organizations (45 Dioceses and Archdioceses)		5,768.79
E. To the Operating Fund from Individuals		3,404.75
F. To the Library Fund (Catholic Daughters of America)		2,000.00

THE majority of the organizations and individuals," Fr. Lauerman said, "who have assisted the chool financially during the past year, have been conuous supporters. In many cases, their assistance uring the past years, as in previous years, meant sacfices.

"It is always encouraging when others join in carryg burdens. All friends of the School will be pleased join us in our recognition of a number of special neficences received during this year.

"Early in the fiscal year the Catholic Daughters of merica contributed $2,000 for the library.

"The largest personal contribution of the year was ven by Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop Baltimore and Washington, of $1,000.

"Another contribution of $1,000, which came through e solicitation of Most Reverend Eugene J. McGuinss, Bishop of Raleigh, N. C., was received from the rice Foundation.

"Several new scholarships have been provided:

Overseas Division, National Council of Catholic Women.

Committee of Twenty-Five, Washington, D. C.

Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D. (Fort Wayne Diocesan Council of Catholic Women).

Washington Auxiliary of the National Catholic School of Social Service.

"I am happy at this time, also, to acknowledge gifts 66 books from a number of the Alumnae members.

"Finally, a very valuable contribution of bound olumes of the *Review of Reviews* and *Literary Digest*, overing several decades, and a number of miscellaneous olumes, from Miss Janet Richards, noted authoress nd lecturer.

TO ALL who have contributed to the substance and work of the School and to the preparation of is year's graduating class, we offer sincere thanks.

"The same kind of clouds which dominated the sky the time of the origin of this School seem to be thering on the horizon. To those who have worked d hoped for a better brotherhood among men, the esent realities bring depression and disappointment. he cause of social welfare is again facing a crisis.

"Crises are always the prefaces of adjustments. The ys ahead will demand an examination and analysis our objectives and methods. Whatever may be the ture ways for solving coming problems, whatever may the terms fashioned for the restatement of future rposes, our experience, fortified by our Faith, enrces the conviction that our future hope lies not in the scovery of some new fountain of social innocence but a reordering of known values.

"A principal reordination must be made with regard religion. There must be growth in the recognition d acceptance of religion, not as one among many social benefits, but as the prime need of social life and as the basic measure of the individual's relations.

"Another reordination must be made with regard to conduct. A supreme desideratum in social well-being must be the establishment of a more virtuous conduct. Virtuous conduct is orderly conduct. It rests on a proper understanding of man and his nature and his relations to God and fellowmen.

"In the mind and teaching of the National Catholic School of Social Service religion and virtuous conduct have always been uppermost. Therefore, to those omnipotent and unchanging social values of religion and virtue deposited in the spirit, mind, and character of the National Catholic School of Social Service by its founders, we, the faculty, graduates, alumnae, and students pledge ourselves today."

MOST Reverend Joseph M. Corrigan, Bishop of Bilta, Rector of the Catholic University, was the commencement speaker. In an address which emphasized the responsibility of citizenship in a Christian democracy, the Most Reverend Bishop issued a sincere appeal to the graduating class to foster and further those Christian ideals and practices which in an orderly manner would "Render to God the things which are God's and to Caesar the things which are Caesar's."

In a final word to the graduates, Monsignor Ready said "the need for social workers is great. The need for social workers with a philosophy, which has been the heritage of the National Catholic School of Social Service from the beginning, is especially great during these times of fear and confusion. The benefits of this School to American life consist in those principles and practices which you, the graduates, will represent and carry out in your professional careers. It is the hope and prayer of the Board of Trustees that the faculty which worked during the past year and the students, who studied at the School, may realize great social and spiritual benefits from their labors."

AT THE exercises, the director introduced to the audience new members of the faculty:

MRS. BARBARA BAILEY HODGES, A.B., Leland Stanford University; M.A., University of Minnesota.

MISS HELEN C. WALKER, B.Ed., DePaul University, Chicago; M.A., Northwestern University, Chicago.

MRS. GRACE GHORMLEY PARR, B.S., Drake University, Des Moines; M.A., Catholic University of America, National Catholic School of Social Service.

MISS JOSEPHINE BROWN, A.B., Bryn Mawr College; Catholic University School of Social Work.

DR. JOHN RUSSELL, M.S., M.D., Loyola University, Chicago; Child Center, Catholic University of America.

INCLUDING Bishop Corrigan, Monsignor Ready, and Father Lauerman, on the dais were Rev. Dr. Thomas Mitchell, Rt. Rev. Monsignor John A. Ryan, Rev. Dr. Paul H. Furfey, and Rt. Rev. Monsignor James T. Delehanty, of Paterson, N. J.

Sidelights on Social Action

Contributed by the N. C. W. C. Department of Social Action

INDUSTRY

PRIESTS' SOCIAL ACTION SCHOOLS.—During July and August three Priests' Social Action Schools will be held. New Orleans has a two weeks' school beginning July first. Chicago has a one week course beginning July 8. Detroit will have one for four weeks starting August 12. All three will be held at the Seminaries in those cities....THE COURSE—The Chicago school will be mainly on labor and will use largely the Bishops' 1940 Statement, "The Church and Social Order." The New Orleans' course will include a good deal of material on agriculture and will follow in the main Pius XI's Encyclical on Social Order. The Detroit school will also use this Encyclical. Besides classes on the doctrine each school will have a great many classes on facts, organizations and federal and state laws. The Detroit and New Orleans schools will also have classes on Communism. At each of the schools men from the labor movement, employers, and government officials will give talks on their work and experiences. The schools are compact, if brief, courses that cover the subject matter pretty well....THE OUTLINE—Maybe the Detroit school gives the best idea of the course. The first week is on the standards of economic morality—ownership, work, wages, etc.; and at the same time, to understand better what those standards are and how they have come to be so customarily violated, both Individualism and its successor, control by the few, are described in great detail as they affect economic life. In addition the wages and working conditions of different kinds of workers will be told. There are four hours of class a day during five days. In this first week's work, there will be seven classes on the Encyclical alone, five on facts about labor conditions and eight on general economic facts. The second week will be on organizations as a partial means of establishing economic morality, the third week on legislation as another partial means and the fourth week on the guild social order as the full means of making economic life morally right....WEEK UPON ORGANIZATIONS—The week on organizations will have nine classes on the Encyclical and American experience with the labor movement and employers' organizations, three classes on important organized industries, seven classes conducted by employers, labor officials and an official of the Labor Relations Board, and still another class on the work priests can do with labor and employers....WEEK ON LEGISLATION—The week on legislation follows the same general lines. There will be five classes on the Encyclical, four more that describe the general practices in the United States on labor legislation and business regulation, five classes conducted by administrators of labor laws, one on priests' study clubs, one on the work of priests with legislation, one on the Bishops' Program of Social Reconstruction and three on specific pieces of legislation, with emphasis on what priests can do to help people obtain governmental protection....ON GUILDS AND ON COMMUNISM—The fourth week is mainly on the guild order although there will be four classes on Communism, two on the guilds of the Middle Ages, three on the general works of priests and one on the A.C.T.U. The weeks on legislation and organization lead up to the week on guilds by showing how both laws and the work of existing organizations can be made to be steps towards the full guild order....THE TEACHERS—The teachers are priests who are well-known for their work with the Encyclicals, local priests who make local studies of organizations, laws or facts and laymen who are at work in one or another part of the subject-matter....THE EMPHASIS—The central emphasis, all the way through, as it should be, is this: The main trouble is the break-down of morality in economic life; the unemployment and the deep poverty and all the rest, including the concentration of power in the hands of business, Communism and all forms of Totalitarianism, are consequences and signs of the basic immorality; organizations and laws can do something now to correct immorality and must be used to help us grow into a new spirit and a new order; priests must help throughout, precisely because the trouble is essentially one of the break-down of morality; but to help rightly they must know intimately the moral law of economic life and know quite well the main facts to which it is to be applied....SCHOOLS FOR LAYMEN—There are schools for laymen like these Priests' Schools of Social Action in a number of cities and there will, no doubt, be more of them next year. Each of these local schools is somewhat different in outline from the one described here, and, of course, they are evening schools and run during a whole season. There are plenty of pamphlets and books to read, too, and plenty of study club outlines for groups of people to study together. There are plenty of chances to learn what Catholic social teaching means and what it means in terms of the conditions of the United States....CONFUSION ON DETAILS—Some Catholics hold off because they think that there is confusion and that people speaking in the name of Catholic social teaching advocate different things. It is perfectly possible for there to be differences of opinion about details but there should be none and there is actually very little about fundamentals. One trouble is that a good many people ask the Church for a decision on these details. But on them the Church "has neither the equipment nor the mission," as Pius XI said in his Encyclical on Social Order....WHAT ARE DETAILS?—Let us take an example. It is a part of the moral law that wages must be at such points and in such a balance and that prices must be in such relationships as to provide the most employment. It is also part of the moral law that such wages and prices be established "by union of effort and good will." It is also part of the moral law that this union of effort and good will is to be accomplished by economic organizations and government working together and growing into a "social and juridical order" of guild-and-government. But just what wages and just what prices give this maximum employment? And just what precise form of labor union is best now in this or that industry and just what precise form of employers' organization is best now in any industry you want to pick? And just what kind of laws should be passed now, and just what detailed relationship ought to exist now between the law and the free labor unions, employers' associations and farm organizations? And just how in detail should the combination of organization and law move together towards the full idea of guild, government and economic morality? These are details....RENDERING TO GOD—There is bound to be a good deal of difference of opinion on details exactly because the facts are so complex, industries are so varied and people's experiences are so different. Put more briefly and in another way, this is another example of rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. And it is one of the terrible facts of our time that the world does

not yet want to render to God the practice of His moral law in economic life or even want yet to learn it well. If it did and set about practicing it with His help, there would still be differences of opinion on details. But that would be a minor matter. Far from this being an excuse now or at any time to turn away from studying Catholic social teaching, it is all the more reason for learning it thoroughly. For it deals with the moral laws, defiance of which and of their Author has caused the twentieth century tragedy which threatens civilizations and souls.

PEACE

NATIONALISM AND THE PRESENT CRISIS.—Words of comfort and of warning in the present world debacle are to be found in the report of the Committee on National Attitudes of the Catholic Association for International Peace entitled "Patriotism, Nationalism and the Brotherhood of Man." The eminent Catholic historian, Carlton J. H. Hayes was chairman of the committee at the time the report was written, in 1937. Its remarks are as pertinent today as they were then. Now when patriotism is a virtue most urgently needed, it behooves us all to know what the proper sort of patriotism is, how it squares up with the ineradicable relationship we have with all men as sons of God and as shares of the common bounty of the earth, why unholy patriotism or excessive nationalism has been exalted to the world's great hurt, and the danger of ourselves falling victim to the evil. These are all brought out in the National Attitudes report, which, in addition, looks to the refashioning of national attitudes....NOBLESSE OBLIGE—Catholics, the report states, should take the lead in refashioning national attitudes, but—"Before Catholics can perform the role which the Church demands of them—and the world expects—they must be sure that their own patriotism is really Christian, and that they themselves do not espouse a nationalism which is un-Christian or anti-Christian. The refashioning of national attitudes is primarily a matter of education, and education, like charity, should begin (though not end) at home....No one can expect the United States to become more Christian, if professed Catholics become less so. No one can expect the United States to be preserved from pagan nationalism—or Communism—unless its Catholic citizens do their part. They should be leaders, and not mere followers. To this end, they must know and live their Faith in all its ramifications. They must apply it, individually, and collectively, to public as well as to private life."

SOME PRACTICAL GUIDES.—In determining just what attitudes Catholics should help refashion the report elaborates on the following considerations: 1. *Nationalism* (that is patriotism and the consciousness of nationality) *is natural* and necessary to men. *Only it should be controlled.* 2. "Nationalism" and "internationalism" are not opposed. "The internationalism which is compatible with Christian teaching and which the Catholic Church exemplifies and positively enjoins, is simply an honest and reasoned respect for the rights of all nations and for a pacific world order....[It] presupposes....a sincere loyalty of the individual to his national state....a lively patriotism within him." 3. *We should not fall a victim to words.* "Nationalism," "internationalism" and "patriotism" may mean many things. We should be able to distinguish the uses to which various groups put these words to their own ends. 4. *We should not sacrifice permanent general principles* to the apparent needs of the moment. We should not fight totalitarianism with totalitarianism—one evil with another. 5. *We should emphasize religion as the safeguard of a sane nationalism and a sane internationalism.* Religion is the parent and unifying bond of all culture. Any substitute for this principle of unity, such as the so-called national will, the illusion of racial "supremacy" or class warfare inevitably brings international discord in its train. Any of these "gods" must fall a prey to the disruptive forces they unloose. Meantime domestic tyranny and foreign war are the price. 6. *We should not resign ourselves to a fatalistic attitude* regarding the extreme anti-Christian nationalism now gaining ground, nor despair of our ability to make some contribution to its refashioning in accordance with Christian principles.

READ THE PAMPHLET.—This pamphlet should be read and talked about—particularly in relation to the two, encyclicals of Pope Pius XII, "The Chief Function of the State in the Modern World" and "To the Church in the United States."

CITIZENSHIP

CHILD WELFARE AND NATIONAL SECURITY.—Probably never since the last World War has the question of good citizenship, democracy and patriotism received such concentrated attention as now when we have seen nation after nation fall before the totalitarian onslaught. The program recently advanced by the National Citizens' Committee brings out ten points that might be forgotten or overlooked in thinking of our own defenses. These points are based on the theory that "child welfare and national security are inseparable" and they deal with nutritional, health, and medical services for children and mothers, educational opportunities, child labor legislation, work opportunities and measures to conserve home life for needy children, and help to starving and homeless children of other countries....THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY—The first two points in the program, which was presented to the committee by the Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart of the Child Care Division of the New York Catholic Charities, should be quoted: "1. The defense of democracy calls for the appreciation of the dignity and worth of the individual and concern for the young, the helpless, the needy and the aged. Support of public and private services for children should be sustained as an essential part of a national defense program.

SELF-DISCIPLINE.—2. "National effectiveness requires further development of cooperation and self-discipline among our citizens. To destroy our liberties in an effort to protect them would be tragic betrayal of American institutions. Denial of civil liberties, resort to mob action and other extra-legal procedures, and throttling of free discussion of public issues will not advance the cause of democracy at home or abroad."

These points, the first of which is elaborated on specifically in the other eight points of the program should receive the attention of all groups interested in the promotion of good citizenship and national security. The question of law enters into both but from different aspects....A CATHOLIC BACKGROUND—A background of Catholic teaching is very helpful in understanding the necessity for types of legislation and services such as those advocated under the first point of the program. The Social Action Series pamphlet, "What Laws Must We Have?" by Elizabeth Morrissey supplies this background and an intelligent basis for the support of and agitation for such measures as are recommended in the program....CIVIL LIBERTIES—The emotions fostered by the critical international situation are dangerous spurs to individual and mass violations of the laws which guarantee rights of religious worship, of speech, assemblage and writing. Several gross violations of these fundamental laws and principles of our land have already been noted, and a steady attempt should be made to keep the principles before all our citizens at all times....READINGS THAT HELP—The Catholic teaching on civil liberties is taken up briefly by the Christian Democracy Series pamphlets, "Citizen, Church and State," "American Democracy vs. Racism and Communism" and "Making Democracy Work." A pamphlet devoted entirely to the question of civil rights will be released soon.

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CATHOLIC ACTION

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"We have grouped together, under the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the various agencies by which the cause of religion is furthered. Each of these, continuing its own special work in its chosen field, will now derive additional support through general cooperation."

—From the 1919 Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the U. S.

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Bishops Appeal to Faithful to Support Red Cross War Relief Fund

CATHOLIC response has been prompt to the appeals of Ordinaries of Dioceses throughout the country to cooperate in the campaign of the American Red Cross for an emergency war relief fund of $20,000,000 for victims of the European war. Among the Bishops directing special appeals to the faithful were:

The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon; the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and of Washington; the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans; the Most Rev. James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland; the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, who spoke over the radio; the Most Rev. Joseph E. McCarthy, Bishop of Portland, Me.; the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse; the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Bishop of Indianapolis; the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, and the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego.

Special messages were addressed to their affiliated organizations on behalf of the Red Cross fund by the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women. A substantial contribution to the Red Cross fund has been made as a result of a group solicitation of members of the N. C. W. C. headquarters staff.

Catholic Social Action Study In New Orleans and Chicago

A two-week course on Catholic Social Action, embracing such topics as economics and morality, general rules of ownership, employers and unions, farm legislation and organizations, and southern economic life, opened in New Orleans for priests of the Archdiocese on July 1, under the sponsorship of the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans. Among those conducting the courses are the Rev. R. A. McGowan, assistant director of the N. C. W. C. Department of Social Action, and the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., director of the N. C. W. C. Rural Life Bureau.

Similarly an Institute of Social Action for priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago, to be conducted from July 8 to 12, has been announced by the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago. The sessions will be devoted to problems concerning the organization of workingmen. The Very Rev. Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, rector of the Seminary of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Ill., will direct the Institute, which is being held this year for the third time.

Catholic Summer Camps Listed By N. C. W. C. Education Department

A leaflet listing 62 Catholic summer camps, which are distributed throughout 15 states of the Union, has been issued by the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Thirty-four of these camps are for boys and 28 for girls. The leaflet may be obtained by writing to the N. C. W. C. Department of Education, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

150th Anniversary of Hierarchy Observed in First U. S. Diocese

IN THE Minor Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, a Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated on May 30 by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy in the United States.

The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, was present, as well as the Suffragan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Baltimore, many distinguished Monsignori, representatives of various religious orders, numerous diocesan priests, sisters and brothers, and a large outpouring of the laity.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII, through His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, sent a cablegram imparting the Apostolic Blessing. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Guilday, professor of American Church History at the Catholic University of America, preached the sermon, tracing the growth of Catholicism in this country.

Following the Mass, the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Curley and the other Bishops visited the Cathedral crypt, where Archbishop Cicognani placed a wreath on the tomb of Archbishop John Carroll, father of the American Hierarchy, who started the building of the venerable Cathedral where the anniversary ceremonies were held.

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Opportunities for Catholic Laity Pointed Out by Monsignor Ready

GREAT opportunities exist for the American Catholic laity to promote the welfare of the nation and religion "in this liberty-loving country with a well-organized Church, a Church with an extensive press and magazines and a variety of Catholic organizations," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, told delegates to the Eastern Regional Conference of Kappa Gamma Pi, Catholic sorority, meeting in the nation's capital on June 29, 1940.

The American Bishops with "great vision saw there were certain very definite problems facing the Church in the United States," Monsignor Ready said, "such as education, the proper protection and standards of our schools; legislative enactments affecting private institutions, and a wide variety of social problems."

Describing the establishment of the National Catholic Welfare Conference to meet these problems, Monsignor Ready declared that the influence of Catholic organizations is "valid only insofar as we can reflect and represent the united Catholic body in the United States. Our efficacy is greater or less in proportion to the cooperation of the lay people through their various organizations."

Continuing, Monsignor Ready said "there is a particular segment in that unity for Catholic leaders," asserting that "we expect that Catholic leadership will come from those who have had good opportunities."

Monsignor Ready cited the "astounding growth," in the N. C. W. C. efforts to unify Catholic lay activity. "There is no regimentation," he said. "It is not destroying the autonomy or identity of individual groups, but it is rather a growing process of unity. We can't be worthwhile Catholics if we restrict our service and just departmentalize our interests in a very small area. The thought then is that in the Councils of Catholic Men and Women the lay people of the United States can give a full expression of Catholic life. This works like the quality of mercy: it blesses him that gives. Association of various groups gain much by membership in the Councils; it adds the prestige of that group to the Council and particularly in legislative matters and public representation numbers mean something. On the other hand, the Councils are prepared under the direction and guidance of the Bishops to furnish programs, guidance, services that will build up individual groups and enable them to become better acquainted with a real program of Catholic Action in the United States."

National Council of Nurses Formed as Part of N. C. W. C.

ACTING in response to the expressed wish of His Eminence, Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, president of the Central Office of Catholic Action in Rome, a National Council of Catholic Nurses was formally organized at a meeting held in Chicago on June 10. The Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans and episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, National Catholic Welfare Conference, presided.

Speakers at the organization meeting included the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago and chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the N. C. W. C.

Archbishop Stritch observed that we live in a time when the hospital is recognized as a vital institution in the life of our nation and that the forming of the National Council of Catholic Nurses marked the beginning of a great forward step in Catholic Action. "In this day of great organization," His Excellency said, "it is only fitting that our nurses should be organized and educated thoroughly in our Catholic attitudes. We are all proud that you are here to give a final touch to a great work of Catholic lay action."

Lay directors were named for the new organization and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Mary E. Kelly, Detroit; first vice president, Miss Mary E. Gillin, New Orleans; second vice president, Miss Gertrude Mayer, Baltimore; secretary, Miss Jane O'Rourk, Fond du Lac, Wis.; and treasurer, Miss Ann Houck, Toledo.

Dr. Boland Speaks at Anniversary Observance of Social Encyclicals

OBSERVING the 49th anniversary of the famous Encyclical of Leo XIII on the "Condition of Labor," and the ninth anniversary of Pius XI's Encyclical "Forty Years After," which brought the former document up to date by application of its principles to contemporaneous conditions, the Rev. Dr. John P. Boland, chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board, in an address before the Catholic Study Club and Labor College in Buffalo, N. Y., said that these great social Encyclicals "remind us that Jesus Christ promised blessedness for those 'who hunger and thirst after justice.'" He urged his hearers to study and work for justice to the workingman.

Bishop O'Hara Pleased With Catholic Life Among U. S. Forces

"CATHOLICS who wish to have a share in the glorious merits of our chaplains and who want to encourage in our armed forces love of God as the all-pervading motive of true patriotism, will do well to add the Chaplains' Aid Association to their list of favorite charities," writes the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, Auxiliary Bishop of the Army and Navy Diocese, in the June issue of the Chaplains' Aid Association.

Bishop O'Hara speaks of the fine Catholicity he has observed in the armed forces during the few months that he has been privileged to serve them, and observes that the Catholic officers and men are bringing many of their companions into the Faith. He asks that missals, prayer books, rosaries and medals be provided, as they are in constant demand. Mass kits also are needed, as well as sacred vessels and vestments wherever facilities for reservation of the Blessed Sacrament can be provided, and altar linens need to be renewed from time to time.

The Daily Tribune Observes Twentieth Anniversary of Publication

ONE of the original supporters of and subscribers to the *N. C. W. C. News Service*, *The Daily Tribune*, published in Dubuque, Iowa, observed on July 1 the twentieth anniversary of its establishment by Nicholas E. Gonner, prominent Catholic layman, who died in 1922, two years after launching the paper. Incorporating all the features of a regular daily newspaper, and yet retaining the features and principles of a Catholic newspaper, *The Daily Tribune* circulates in every state of the Union and in a number of foreign countries. It is now under the direction of Henry R. Gonner, 27-year-old son of the founder.

CATHOLIC ACTION joins with others in extending to the management of *The Daily Tribune* its sincere congratulations on the celebration of this twentieth anniversary and its good wishes for continued success in carrying on this great pioneer effort in Catholic daily journalism.

The Office At The Battery

Contributed by the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration

THE BATTERIA.—The New York office of the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration is at 61 Whitehall Street and from the windows one can follow the course of the Ellis Island ferry on its hourly trips from the Battery, across lower New York bay, to Ellis Island. The Battery, at the tip end of Manhattan, is the first bit of the American mainland on which the newcomer arriving from Ellis Island puts his foot and so far flung is its fame that all Italian immigrants, when informed at the Island that their admission has been authorized, announce to envious friends amid whoops of joy and congratulatory poundings on tables that they are going—not to America—not to New York even—but to the Batteria.

It can well be imagined therefore, that the New York office, standing as it does, at the gateway to the United States, is the scene of more dramas than find their way to the Broadway theaters and that its workers in the course of a year listen to more tales of excitement, anxiety, grief and joy than are related in the true story magazines. Tears are in the ascendance, for most of those who come to the office and to Ellis Island are in some sort of trouble and those met at the piers are worried, lonely and feel themselves deserted in a strange land.

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TWO BRUNETTES AND A BLOND.—Three small American-born citizens, aged seven, five and four, deported from Canada, were brought to the New York office the other day by a matron from the immigration office in Ottawa. She presented letters from the Canadian Commissioner of Immigration and from the U. S. District Director of Immigration at St. Albans, Vermont, suggesting that the children be delivered upon arrival in New York to the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Dutch father had been deported four years ago and the mother, a French Canadian, had taken the children to Canada where they became public charges. The mother, faced with their deportation, had asked that they be put in a Catholic Home in the United States.

The children were very attractive, the girl a blond little Dutch person and the boys handsome brunettes. They were smiling and happy, the five year old girl clutching a small grip.

Acceptance of the children in a Catholic Home in upstate New York was secured but when it was time to put them on the train both children and N. C. W. C. worker found the parting a tearful one. The worker waved them goodbye with a heavy heart but with the satisfaction of knowing that the three little waifs had found a safe haven.

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THE FIFTH COLUMNIST.—A little old lady, 81 years of age, called a few days ago in a greatly agitated state—trembling with anxiety as well as age. She said that she wanted to become a citizen as quickly as possible—that she had always wanted to be one—but could not "face the issue." Now she could put it off no longer—she must come out with the true facts in her case in view of recent developments in Europe and the rounding up of spies in this country.

She, it seems, had, in the year 1886, come to the United States on a steamship ticket purchased by her sister Catherine and had not bothered to say that *she* was Margaret as she thought she could not use the ticket if she did. She earnestly hoped that the U. S. Government because of this grievous offense, would not consider her a fifth columnist. She was promptly reassured and told that in 1886 it didn't really much matter whether she had arrived as Catherine or Margaret and that the Bureau would assist her to become a citizen if she could furnish proof of residence in this country since before June, 1906. The little old lady departed, greatly relieved and prepared to get the necessary evidence.

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LUISE COMES IN ON A PRIVATE BILL.—Since 1931 when Luise, then 11 years of age, arrived back in the United States accompanied by her foster parents, she has been a constant visitor at the New York office and as the years have gone by the shadows of anxiety have deepened on her pretty face. On each occasion her foster-mother has wept and her foster-father, up to his death a short while ago, has looked worn and worried for fear his "baby" would be taken from him.

For Luise had been here since 1923 and knew no other country. She was brought here from her native Czecho-Slovakia by her American citizen aunt and uncle and adopted by them after the death of her mother, but the adoption took place after July 1, 1924, and so did not confer a nonquota status. The foster-parents, anxious to conform with the immigration law, took the child back to Czecho-Slovakia to obtain a visa but the quota was filled. Then followed a badly advised trip to Brazil in the belief that a *non*-quota visa might be obtained there only to find that it is *natives* of countries of the western hemisphere who enjoy such a status. Touched by the parents' plight, the Consul gave the child a visitor's visa and as a visitor she has been here ever since, the immigration authorities yielding to the N. C. W. C. Bureau's repeated pleas that the girl had no one to whom to go in any other country. A few months ago, the Department felt that it could grant no more extensions of stay and Luise was told that she must leave. The quota was again over-subscribed, however, and the prospect was pretty terrifying for the girl and her mother, who faced years of separation. As a last desperate measure the Bureau appealed to Mrs. Caroline O'Day, Representative at Large from New York, to introduce a private bill to permit Luise to remain. The Director of the Bureau, at Mrs. O'Day's request, presented the circumstances of the case at the House Committee hearing on the bill; both Houses passed it and a few days ago the President signed it. Luise is a very happy girl. She thinks a miracle has happened.

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HIGH PRICE OF A HAM SANDWICH.—What might be termed "freak" cases are numerous among those which come to the New York office for attention. Among these recently was that of Michael G., who has lived here since 1913, owns a fine delicatessen store and has an American citizen wife and child. Michael recently applied for naturalization, at which time it was learned that in 1920 he had been convicted of stealing some ham and had been given a suspended sentence.

The ham stealing episode concerned the practice of certain employes of a meat packing house, of whom Michael was one, of taking some meat at noon time and going over to a saloon to make some sandwiches and drink a glass of beer. The men did not consider it stealing. But one day the foreman reported them and Michael's conviction was the result. And now deportation proceedings were instituted because Michael had been out of (*Turn to page* 27)

The Field of Catholic Education

As Viewed by the N. C. W. C. Department of Education

DR. JOHNSON ON THE PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE OF THE CATHOLIC STUDENT NURSE.—Rev. Dr. George Johnson, director, N. C. W. C. Department of Education, was one of the speakers at the Silver Jubilee Convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, held in St. Louis, Mo., the week of June 17. Dr. Johnson addressed the Convention on Friday, June 21, on the subject of "The Professional Excellence of the Catholic Student Nurse." The address is given in part as follows:

"In order to acquire the knowledge and the skill she needs in her profession, the prospective nurse requires, today, a much more careful preparation than was deemed adequate in the past. This is due to the advances in medical science and the fuller recognition of the role that care plays in combating disease and restoring people to health. Nursing today is a profession and not merely an occupation. It is no longer possible to equip oneself for its demands by mastering a few rule-of-thumb procedures. Society throws its protection around the sick, by insisting that those institutions which are engaged in nursing education be governed by standards that are in accord with the best ideals of professional competence.

"THE Catholic school of nursing, because it is a Catholic school, will be governed by these standards. Its zeal will be to give its students the very best that is obtainable in the way of preparation, not primarily because they will thus be placed in an advantageous position economically, but because they will be enabled to better carry on the Church's apostolate to the sick and because they are expert, place no unnecessary obstacles in the way of the healing power of Christ. Nor will the Catholic school be content to render lip service to the letter of the standards; it will understand their spirit and make them truly operative in the development of the student-nurse. It owes it to the Church which fosters it, to be professionally above reproach.

"However, the Catholic school of nursing will, none the less, be different from other schools of nursing that are not Catholic. If it is not, there is no reason for its existence. A Catholic school of whatever nature or grade, is more, immeasurably more, than just a secular school plus a supernatural intention. The faith that is in it must color and affect every detail of its organization and program. Religion, in the philosophy of Catholic education, is not something that is added on, something that can be taken or left. If it is no more than that, then it is not religion at all.

"THE student nurse in a Catholic school must come to view her future profession and all that it entails from the angle of the Church and the Church's mission to society. She must come to realize that she cannot be a good Catholic if she is not a good nurse, nor a good nurse if she is not a good Catholic. She must come to an ever fuller consciousness of the intimate connection between her profession and her improvement as an individual. She must be preserved, if it is at all possible, from the unhappy lot of those people whose lives are split between what they have to do to live and what they want to live to be, those whose work interferes with their religion and whose religion interferes with their work.

"Perhaps there have been other periods in the history of the world, when society needed the saving power of Christ more than it needs that power today. It is difficult to identify them. A revolution is in process, conditioned by several centuries of the exaltation of the human over the divine, that threatens to debase human nature on a scale that it was never debased before. The world of yesterday is gone and we have only fearsome glimpses of the outlines of the world of tomorrow.

"We can be pardoned if, under the circumstances, we yearn for some mighty manifestation of the power of Christ, if we find ourselves begging Him to show Himself in all His might and majesty. Yet we know that in His inscrutable designs, His power in the world must be made perfect in our infirmity, that we who have been buried together with Him in our baptism, have the dread responsibility for His resurrection. His power is here, if we will but allow it to break through, break through our selfishness and incompetence, break through our stupidity and cowardice.

"Religion comes in for much contempt these days, because religious people are so frequently ineffectual; where they ought to be saintly they are content with being merely pious, and there is a tremendous difference. The interior life is, of course, basic to Christian living, but it is a talent buried in the ground, sterile and useless, unless it shows forth in our external actions. This it can do only if our external actions are disciplined and directed toward the best possible performance of the particular duties that we have chosen to assume.

"IN ORDER to participate effectively in the mission of Christ to the sick in these modern days, the nurse must first of all be minded spiritually and zealous for her own personal sanctification. She must at the same time be an educated person, that is to say, must possess that culture and refinement which are born of higher schooling and which yield understanding and appreciation of the deeper and finer things of life.

"But, in order that her spirituality and her culture may be implemented and made fruitful for good in her chosen life-work, she must possess that professional skill which gives meaning to the uniform she wears. All three of these elements are necessary and conspicuous lack of any one of them means that something that Christ wants done, in this sick room, in that laboratory, in some field of public health service, around some operating table, will remain undone, or will be done in less adequate measure.

"The Catholic school of nursing owes it to its students to afford them professional training that squares with the best current standards. The student nurse owes it to her school to appreciate to the full the essential importance of scientific skill and to make the utmost effort to master it. Both school and student owe it to the Church to utilize the instrumentalities and processes that modern medicine has put at their disposal unto the improvement of the art of healing. Thus will the comforting power of Christ be brought to those who from their bed of pain are crying out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.' Thus will the resources of the nation in the field of health be significantly increased. Thus to the nurse in the midst of all her labors and trials and discouragements, will come the strength and assurance that are born of professional competence."

Interests of Our Catholic Youth

A Contribution of the N. C. W. C. Youth Bureau

YOUTH ACTION FOR DECENT LITERATURE.—While good books are certainly the positive solution for the serious problem of reading, there still remains the question of indecent literature. Recently the *Readers' Digest* published an article stating that in one single month, eight million Americans—most of them under twenty years of age, bought copies of some 150 nationally distributed periodicals. It was stated that these publications contained frankly objectionable material. Both our high school and college young people are particularly threatened by this flood of obscenity and crime-inciting adventure stories. The dangers will no doubt be increased during the vacation period.

High school students should be particularly interested in the pamphlet "No Smut." This pamphlet was published by the Notre Dame Student Commission for Decent Literature, Notre Dame, Indiana. Designed especially for high school students, it is now in its sixth printing, with 125,000 copies already distributed.

In the June number of *The Sign* magazine, Mr. Jerry O'Dowd, a member of the Notre Dame Commission tells the story of the work done by Notre Dame students for their young fellow students throughout the country. Mr. O'Dowd's article won the first prize in the essay contest sponsored by the New York Region of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. The title of his essay is "The Catholic Student in Constructive Catholic Action."

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SUMMER SCHOOLS OF CATHOLIC ACTION.—The central office of the Sodality of Our Lady (3742 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri) invites Catholic youth to the Summer Schools of Catholic Action. These schools constitute a training course emphasizing the necessity of young people recognizing their responsibility to furnish leadership in parish and school groups. In 1939 almost 5,000 young people, sisters, brothers, seminarians, and priests attended these courses as representatives of parish organizations and school clubs.

The courses are given by priests and lay people active in the Sodality movement. Lectures and discussions will be combined with entertainment features, with special emphasis on the "Liturgy," "Catholic Literature," "Economics," and "Political Problems." These courses will be offered on the following dates:

St. Louis, June 24th to 29th; Detroit, July 8th to 13th; San Antonio, July 29th to August 3rd; New York, August 19th to 24th; and Chicago, August 26th to 31st.

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VALUABLE LITERATURE.—The American Youth Commission, 744 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., has just published a new pamphlet in its series of publications on youth problems and interests: "The Community and Its Young People," by M. M. Chambers. This study brings home to youth the sometimes forgotten, but all-important fact, that the problems confronting young poeple have to be met first of all in local communities. It "is an attempt to take the discussion of youth problems to the grass roots. It maps the new frontiers that exist in every neighborhood. It is a call to constructive action along lines that every community can follow without waiting for other communities to act" (foreword by Floyd W. Reeves), without—one may add—waiting for legislation and huge appropriations from the Federal Government or from other public authorities in a tone which *Fortune* recently called "the pervasive ask-mother-state-tone of the February Youth Congress Citizenship Institute."

Catholic youth leaders and organizations endeavoring to train their members in citizenship and cooperation in the solution of community problems, should read this pamphlet.

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PROBLEMS OF RURAL YOUTH.—One of the main problems of young America is Rural Youth. The Division of Research of the WPA, 1726 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C., has published recently a study of Bruce L. Melvin and Elna N. Smith on "Youth in Agricultural Villages," dealing especially with the place of village youth in rural communities and their social and economical adjustments within their home villages; it furthermore follows rural youth which settled elsewhere and studies the economic and social opportunities needed by agricultural village youth. The report is based on a field survey conducted in 45 villages; unfortunately it does not specify the religious affiliations of the youth reached by the survey while the churches are sometimes referred to in the study. A very interesting book, inciting to study and encouraging us to do more on the subject of rural youth.

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WHITE HOUSE GROUP ADOPTS CHILD CONSERVATION PLAN PRESENTED BY NOTED PRIEST.—The National Citizens' Committee created by the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, held its first meeting here last month and adopted a ten-point program for child conservation in the national defense activities of this country. The program was presented to the committee by a Catholic priest—the Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, of the Child Care Division of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

The program which Father McEntegart presented and which the National Citizens' Committee adopted says "child welfare and national security are inseparable," and calls upon the American people "to direct special effort" to the following:

"1. The defense of democracy calls for the appreciation of the dignity and worth of the individual and concern for the young, the helpless, the needy, and the aged. Support of public and private services for children should be sustained as an essential part of a National Defense program.

"2. National effectiveness requires further development of cooperation and self-discipline among our citizens. To destroy our liberties in an effort to protect them would be tragic betrayal of American institutions. Denial of civil liberties, resort to mob action and other extra-legal procedures, and throttling of free discussion of public issues will not advance the cause of democracy at home or abroad.

"3. To be strong a people must be well-nourished. Proper food for mothers and children depends upon such factors as agricultural production and distribution, maintenance of family income, and education in nutrition.

"4. Health services and medical care for all, particularly for mothers, children, and youth, should be maintained and extended.

"5. Educational opportunity adapted to present-day needs should be made available to all children, to youth until they secure employment, and to adults as required for vocational efficiency and for citizenship.

"6. Standards now provided under (*Turn to page* 27)

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Teaching Christian Citizenship in the Home

Parent-Educator Pamphlet Lists

Holy Father Commends Work of Confraternity in the U. S.

EXPRESSING "solid satisfaction and comfort" in the achievements already recorded by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the United States, His Holiness Pope Pius XII appeals to its members to "continue to go forward to new conquests for Christ during the years which lie ahead."

THIS exhortation is contained in a letter which His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, has forwarded to the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City and Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Cardinal Maglione's letter follows:

> "The Holy Father has been pleased to entrust to me the expression of his thanks for the copy of the Proceedings of the National Convention of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held last November at Cincinnati, which you so thoughtfully forwarded.
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> "This report has had the close attention of His Holiness who finds in it many motives of solid satisfaction and comfort. The catechetical movement in the United States of America has, from the first, been an object of particular interest and of paternal concern to him, and he has already had occasion more than once to praise the work which is being done. He now desires to add to his earlier messages an expression of his happiness at the progress recorded during the past year, and an exhortation to all the members of the Confraternity that they continue to go forward to new conquests for Christ during the years which lie ahead. To Your Excellency and to your collaborators in this noble apostolate, the Holy Father, in pledge of abundant grace, imparts his paternal Apostolic Benediction."

TEACHING CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP IN THE HOME.—Mother's Day orators are still prone to introduce that sure clap sentence, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." It has been said so often that one doubts whether the orator or the audience fully realizes that the statement is quite true. The power of the home for the good of the community, the nation, and the world is still recognized in theory. In practice, however, we have looked to the school, rather than the home, for the pattern by which good citizens are turned out in mass production.

Obviously, the school has its work to do in educating children and youth to be Christian Citizens but, as the school frankly admits, the first lessons are given—good, bad, or indifferently—in the home. The mother and the father are still the child's first teachers; nor does their teaching cease when that of the school begins.

Impressed with the need of bringing religion back into the home, and of awakening parents to their obligation to teach religion, by word and example, to their children, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine considers its parent-educator work the keystone of its program. It is the one phase of its program that is not largely remedial. When we make heroic efforts to give religious instruction to the Catholic children in public elementary and high schools, we are trying to remedy the deficiency of secularized education. In the parent educator work we are beginning at the foundation—in the Christian home.

Within four years the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has promoted parent-educator clubs for the study of such topics as *Parental Responsibility, Teaching Prayer in the Home, Teaching Obedience in the Home, Teaching Honesty in the Home.* At the Sixth National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to be held in Los Angeles, October 12-15, the results of a study now being made on the topic Teaching Christian Citizenship in the Home will be presented. The study is being made by three parent-educator clubs in Los Angeles composed of fathers and mothers whose children are of pre-school age; elementary school age, or high school age. The three groups, under the direction of the Rev. Thomas L. McNicholas of Los Angeles, have received the assistance of the Commission on American Citizenship of the Catholic University of America in the initial stages of their study. The Commission specially prepared for these groups detailed reference lists on the pre-school, elementary, and high school levels.

The results of the study will be reported at a general session of the Los Angeles Catechetical Congress on Sunday, October 13. Three members of the Commission on American Citizenship will take part in the program. Dr. Robert H. Connery, director, will speak on Religion, the Foundation of National Morality, and Miss Mary Synon, editorial consultant for the Commission will give a general presentation of the subject, Teaching Christian Citizenship in the Home. Mrs. A. Elsey, Mr. Frank Moroney, and Mr. Frank P. Doherty, chairmen of the three Los Angeles parent-educator clubs will present the results of their study. The meeting will close with an address by the Most Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of Catholic University and President of the University's Commission on American Citizenship. Bishop Corrigan's subject will be: God in the Home; God in the Nation.

Through the collaboration of the Committee on American Citizenship, the National Center of the C. of C. D. has available bibliographies for the study of the topic, Teaching Christian Citizenship in the Home. Confraternity parent-educator clubs may communicate with the Center for a free copy of the lists. Confraternity parent-educator clubs are those groups that are a part of the parish Confraternity and are concerned solely with the *religious* education of the child.

PARENT-EDUCATOR PAMPHLET LISTS.—There is nothing more conducive to intelligent reading than a good bibliography which lists the books and pamphlets written on a certain subject. Numerous requests convinced the National Center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine that a selected list of the numerous pamphlets available for parents on the religious and moral training of children, was a necessity. Two such lists have been prepared; the *Parent-Educator Pamphlet List* (High School and General); the *Parent-Educator Pamphlet List* (Earliest Grades Through Maturity.) Copies of the lists may be obtained from the National Center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The lists are priced at five cents each and are extensively annotated.

With Our Catholic Laymen

A Section Devoted to the Interests of the

NATIONAL COUNCIL *of* CATHOLIC MEN

Catholic Action Groups Join National Council

We are happy to report that two official diocesan Catholic Action organizations for men completed affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Men during the past month. The affiliations were made in one case by the Ordinary of the Diocese, in the other with the approval of the Ordinary.

Affiliation of the Diocesan Catholic Action Council of Men in Helena, Mont., was effected by the Bishop of Helena, the Most Rev. Joseph M. Gilmore, in a letter addressed to the N. C. C. M. president, Wilbert J. O'Neill. Bishop Gilmore states that the affiliation is in accord "with the recommendations of the Holy Father that Diocesan Catholic Action Councils federate in a national center." Peter L. Pauly, Butte, Mont., has been named president of the Council and the Rev. J. A. Rooney, Butte, Mont., is its Diocesan Spiritual Assistant.

Fifty Catholic Action Parish Councils of Men have already been organized under the guidance of Bishop Gilmore and with the assistance of Dr. John G. Bowen, N. C. C. M. field secretary. The fields of activities are (1) Holy Name Society; (2) Family Life; (3) St. Vincent de Paul Society; (4) Discussion Clubs; (5) Catholic Youth Work; (6) Decent Literature; (7) Catholic Information; and (8) Lay Retreats. Parish Councils select their activities from this list on the basis of their particular needs.

The affiliation of the Catholic Men of the Archdiocese of San Francisco was arranged by Sylvester Andriano, president of the organization, with the authorization of the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco. "We believe that mutual aid will result from affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Men," Mr. Andriano said in his letter to the Council. "We have been moved to this need of affiliation through the efforts of John G. Bowen, whose good and enthusiastic help in developing our work has been of great value to us."

The San Francisco society was begun following an appeal to the men of the Archdiocese on the Feast of the Epiphany, 1938, by Archbishop Mitty. His Excellency called them to participate in Catholic Action "to restore to Christ all that belongs to Him," to preserve our "personal freedom, family integrity, political honor and religious principle . . . cherished treasures of our American and Christian heritage."

National Unity In Catholic Action

Discussing the organizational characteristics of Catholic Action in *A Manual of Catholic Action* (p. 88), Msgr. Luigi Civardi states that three essential characteristics of the movement are that it should have (1) a national center, dependent on the Pope and (in this country) a Council of Bishops; (2) diocesan organizations, dependent on the individual bishops; and (3) parochial organizations, dependent on parish priests. Being an apostolate of the laity it possesses also lay directors subordinate to the Hierarchy. It is suitable that there be organs of coordination within the lay directorate and they should be situated in the center of the nation, in the dioceses and in the parishes. As to the exercise of coordinating power by the national office, Msgr. Civardi states: "The unity of supreme command cannot act to the detriment of the several diocesan activities nor of local initiations; on the contrary . . . it issues into the advantage of all of them."

National unity in Catholic Action "is of the greatest utility and indeed necessary" was the statement of the Papal Secretary of State, Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, now the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, which was sent in December 1937, to the Liverpool Archdiocesan Congress of Catholic Action. This union of diocesan organizations is necessary, His Holiness said, "since there is a question of problems and enterprises which concern the entire nation, and consequently demand the union and collaboration of all men of good will."

In the United States, the National Council of Catholic Men was organized by the Bishops of the United States twenty years ago to be the national coordinating center for laymen's societies. As a division of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, it has operated in the meantime in "the center of the nation" under the supervision of a "council of bishops," at this time 16 in number. A part of its task has been to interest laymen in working more actively to make Christian teaching more widely known and practiced. Its chief function is to federate Catholic lay societies in a common unified Council, to coordinate, promote and assist Catholic laymen's activities towards this ultimate aim which is the same for all. Indeed unity in ultimate aims and in certain organizational characteristics and fundamental activities are the only features in which oneness is necessary. Every member organization retains autonomy in the specific activities it undertakes but also has the informational services and suggested programs of

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N. C. C. M. and the various N. C. W. C. departments in carrying on its operations. There is, incidentally, an N. C. W. C. division already operating in most of the fields of activity that His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, recommended to Catholic Action, e.g., the christianization of the family; Catholic education; support of the Catholic press; defense of the rights and liberty of the Church; and the Christian solution of the social question.

Mr. Heffron Discusses Catholic Responsibility At This Time

The responsibility of the Catholic at this point in history was the subject of the commencement address given at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, on June 2 by N. C. C. M's executive secretary, Edward J. Heffron, who also received an honorary LL.D. degree on that occasion.

"Our modern world," Mr. Heffron said, "has for a long time been drifting away from Christ. Men in their naivete thought that the world had reached a stage of enlightenment where the teachings of the Christian religion were no longer essential to the preservation of a decent pattern of life. They talked of 'enlightened selfishness,' of universal education, of progress, of the *mores* of democracy—and they thought that belief in God was utterly unimportant. The world would progress in the ways of civilization whether men believed in God or not.

"The first World War should have taught us differently. The rise of Bolshevism with all its barbarisms should have been a portent. The success of the other totalitarianisms, founded on a denial of the dignity of man, should have overwhelmed our frail and baseless confidence. Apparently they didn't. But now that the greater part of the Christian world is locked in another death struggle, it is time for us to pull our heads out of the sand.

"Men will not overcome their selfishness, they will not make sacrifices for the preservation of right living, they will not keep their word, for mere naturalistic reasons. Unless there is a supernatural sanction, their self-interest is bound, in a time of stress, to prevail over any other ideals they may have affirmed. And so it is with nations. . . .

"The responsibility of the Catholic then, at this particular point in history, is tremendous. Only a return to the Christian ethic will save our world; and if we are unmindful of that high duty, careless in discharging it, we shall be responsible for whatever comes to pass.

"Nor can we feel that we have acquitted ourselves of that obligation by living anything less than the full Catholic life. And what is the full Catholic life, for us? Does it consist merely of obeying the commandments and going to Mass and the Sacraments? By no means. For although we Catholics have for a long time been inclined to neglect the doctrine, it is nevertheless true that we are all of us priests. Not priests of the order of Melchisidech, not priests of the sacrificial priesthood, but priests of the "royal priesthood" spoken of by St. Peter. Ours is no mere passive role in the Church, therefore; we have a positive, an affirmative part to play. We must become 'living echoes of our masters in the Faith,' as the Vatican Council expressed it; participants in the apostolate of the hierarchy, as the late Pius XI expressed it. It is not enough for us to live good Catholic lives ourselves; we must live *full* Catholic lives. And the full Catholic life takes cognizance of the divine mandate to go and teach all nations, realizing that that injunction was nto limited to bishops and priests but to all members of the Mystical Body of Christ, lay as well as clerical. . . .

"For Catholics at this fateful juncture of history to be so deeply concerned about their own careers, their own families, their own pleasures, as not to have time for these other matters, is to stand guilty of a monstrous and contemptible folly. When you read of Sobieski's defense of Vienna, realizing that failure would have meant a Mohammedan Europe, a Mohammedan America, you must have been thrilled by the tremendous issue that there hung in the balance. And if you had read of any little miser who remained in his pawn shop counting his coins, or any lawyer who stayed in his office writing a brief, or any young graduate who spent those hours thinking only of his career—the while Europe's fate, Christendom's fate, hung in the balance, you would have thought him a preposterously self-centered, ignoble fool. But Christendom, the Christian way of life, is being assaulted just as bitterly in our day, and the darkness is gathering about us. As educated Catholics, steeped in the Christian tradition and armed with the truth, you have a responsible role to play. I am sure you will not shirk it and I pray God to give you the strength and the perseverance and the long-suffering that it will surely demand of you."

N.C.C.M. Chairman Urges Support of Defense Program

Foreign forces are not seeking physical conquest only, but plan to strike at the heart of religion and Christianity, the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, and Episcopal Chairman of the National Council of Catholic Men, told representatives of the more than 15,000 members of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Society at the second annual meeting held in Baton Rouge on June 23.

His Excellency asked the members to stand firmly with those who are directing the resources of the country toward the building up of an adequate defense against unjust aggression and warned them to be on guard "against the enemy within our gates, whose insidious propaganda aims to undermine our faith in our cherished institutions, to weaken our morale and to sow discord in our midst."

N. C. C. M. Letter Protests Birth Control Article In "Life" Magazine

Life, popular picture magazine, carried in a May issue an article depicting in entirely favorable light the introduction of birth control into public health work in the State of South Carolina. In a letter to the editor of *Life*, our assistant executive secretary, Henry P. Lefebure, charged that the article was "so clearly partisan" that it was "obviously propaganda for a movement which definitely involves unethical principles."

"Public health is a matter in which all citizens are rightly interested," he said. "If poverty is the source of misery and ill-health, it is obvious that the only radical solution is its elimination—not the tinkering with human life.

"Contraceptive birth control, because it deals with life and the creative forces of life, is basically an ethical problem. For *Life* to laud the consequences of contraception is to assume by implication the role of an advocate of a moral standard unacceptable to millions. To exclude all comment on the article except approbation of birth controllers is further evidence of a definitely objectionable stand on a question in which the competence of *Life* has never been established.

"If *Life* has assumed the role of propagandist for such a program, the future attitude of Catholics toward *Life* must be determined accordingly."

An acknowledgment of the above letter received from the general manager of *Life* states that letters expressing disapproval of the birth control article numbered only 9 out of 540, and as a consequence of the small proportion none was printed. In seeking an explanation of this one-sided response to the article, we find a number of contributing factors. For one thing, we are confident that *Life* has a far greater circulation among the proponents of birth control than among its opponents. The magazine is to be found, for example, in the studies of very few Catholic priests, we are sure. In addition, it is reasonable to believe that many of the birth control centers were aware in advance or shortly after publication of the good propaganda being given their cause by *Life* and were prepared to send in notice of their approval and to inspire others to do the same. Of the Catholics who did see the article, we can only surmise that their failure to act was due to lack of information or of interest or perhaps to the feeling that it was a task for others.

In any case there is a lesson in the incident for us. It is that Catholic laymen should come to realize that it is their job to watch for and oppose the increasing tide of pro-birth control propaganda wherever it appears. The Catholic position is an entirely reasonable one—birth control is contrary to the moral law, it is opposed to the will of God, it is implicitly a vicious perversion of nature. The Catholic stand is supported by the strongest moral and social arguments and there is no reason why a Catholic should hesitate in making known his views on the subject.

Lay organization leaders in particular have an opportunity to bring this matter to the attention of a large number of interested Catholics and to urge that all should be well informed and quick to defend their position.

We wish to recommend especially the latest N.C.W.C. pamphlet entitled *A Symposium on Birth Control* and will be glad to send a free copy to all N.C.C.M. affiliates who request it. Large quantities may be secured for $8.00 per 100 copies. *Birth Control, the Case for the Catholic,* by the Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.SS.R., printed originally in *The Atlantic Monthly,* is an excellent single statement and may be secured in 100 lots for $2.50 from the Mission Church Press, 1545 Fremont Street, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Bowen Working In the Northwest

Following fulfillment of engagements in the Diocese of Helena and the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Dr. John G. Bowen, Field Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, is now working in the Dioceses of Great Falls and Spokane. In the former Diocese the present aim is to reorganize the parish councils already in existence there. In Spokane, Dr. Bowen will assist in setting up new parish Catholic Action councils of men in the See city.

Central Verein to Meet at New Ulm August 24-28

New Ulm, Minn., is to be the scene of the 1940 national convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America. The sessions will be held from August 24 to 28 and, since New Ulm is centrally located as far as Central Verein membership is concerned, a large attendance is assured. This will be the 85th national meeting of the society, and, as in the past, the subjects of the discussions will be our national and international social problems dealt with in the light of Catholic teaching.

THE CATHOLIC RADIO BUREAU

This Bureau stands ready to advise and assist any Catholic individual or organization in any activity relating to the use of radio: In getting station time for a Catholic program; in planning and conducting such a program; in making effective protest to the broadcasting of offensive material; etc.

We began recently a series of stories descriptive of Catholic radio programs—network and local—that have been on the air-waves for some time and have unique features of interest to other Catholic broadcasters. The history of the Catholic Question Box is told this month and will be followed by accounts of other well-known broadcasts.

A Radio Apostle Eleven Years Old

In August, 1929, Mr. John Shepard III offered the facilities of Stations WNAC in Boston, and WEAN in Providence, to His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, for the broadcast of a Catholic radio program each Sunday. His Eminence gratefully accepted and appointed the Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., to the task of organizing and conducting the broadcast.

Three weeks later, on Sunday, September 15, the first program went on the air lasting for a full hour, 1 to 2 p. m. Known then as the Catholic Truth Period, it consisted of an address (18 minutes) and a question box (18 minutes) interspersed by music (19 minutes) and announcements (5 minutes). Describing the inauguration of the Catholic Truth Period on the occasion of its Tenth Anniversary Program, Cardinal O'Connell said: "The Catholic Church conducts no religious services over the air, no more than she does by telegraph or telephone. Hence the Catholic Truth Period, as we called our broadcast at that time, was organized as a Catholic Forum or lecture period in which we discussed the theology and philosophy, the discipline and history of the Catholic Church without indulging in any controversy on personal, economic or political issues. We answered questions involving difficulties or misunderstandings regarding Catholic doctrine. In other words we used the expository method in presenting to the New England radio audience the principles and practices of the faith that is the Divine heritage of the Catholic Church."

Thus the Catholic Truth Period was begun and continued for more than seven years. Although its network in the beginning consisted of only two stations, it nevertheless is entitled to be described as the first regular Catholic network program on the air.

In 1936, when the Yankee Network joined the National Broadcasting Company, the period was shortened to a half-hour, but the number of cooperating stations was greatly increased until at the present time it is carried by 11 regular broadcasting stations situated in all parts of New England and by WIXOL, the new frequency modulation transmitter of the Yankee Network at Paxton, Mass. It is undoubtedly the first Catholic program to be carried regularly by this type of station. Since the change, the program has been known as the Catholic Question Box. The usual practice is to present the Question Box as the feature of the broadcast one week and an address as the feature the next. The music is provided by one or other of the numerous choirs in and around Boston and the services of the musicians are donated.

One conclusion that has been reached by Father Ahern is that the question and answer period, known as the Question Box, is more popular than a straight address. The mail brought in by both forms has totaled more than 200,000 letters and cards during its nearly 11 years on the air. This correspondence is cared for by Father Ahern with the assistance of students of Weston College of whose faculty Father Ahern is a member. Although no survey has been made, it is known that more than 300 converts have been helped by the broadcasts.

The Catholic Question Box is given additional circulation by its publication weekly in *The Pilot,* organ of the Archdiocese of Boston. The texts of the program have also been printed in numerous other publications including some in Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Many leaders of Church and state honored the Catholic Question Box on the occasion of its tenth birthday. Messages of congratulations were put on the air that day from His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, from the Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Boston, from the head of the Yankee Network, from a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi, and from the N. C. C. M. executive secretary. In each message were words of high tribute to Father Ahern for the manner in which he had conducted the program during its long life. Editorials in both secular and religious papers praised the program and Father Ahern's administration of it. The *Boston Herald* stated: "He (Father Ahern) has been moderate, reasonable and always interesting. There has been no haranguing, no passionate appeal to the emotions, no hitting below the belt, no racial onslaught, no ulterior purpose. He has acted and talked like a man of God. . . . He has done a great deal in his quiet way to give unity and harmony to the people of the great district who sit before the radio while he is talking."

"Life of Christ" Is New Subject

"The Life and Personality of Christ," viewed in the setting of the sacred places of Palestine, is the subject of the new Catholic Hour series begun on June 30 by the Rev. Herbert F. Gallagher, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D. C. The title of the first talk is "Bethlehem: Christ the Good Shepherd." Subsequent titles and dates are:

July 7: Nazareth: The Hidden Christ.
July 14: The Mount of Beatitudes: Christ the Teacher.
July 21: The Cenacle—the Upper Room: Christ the High Priest.
July 28: Via Dolorosa: Christ the Redeemer.

A native of Philadelphia, Father Gallagher was educated at St. Bonaventure's College, St. Bonaventure, N. Y. He served for some time as editor of the *Franciscan Magazine* and as a member of the Mission Band of the New York Franciscan Province. He has lectured extensively on the sacred places of the Holy Land, whose care has been committed to the Order of which he is a member.

The Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D. C., where Father Gallagher is engaged at present, is the Commissariat of the Holy Land for the United States. Father Gallagher is Vice-Commissary.

Malards Continue Catholic Radio Work

Laennec, Genie Francais is the title of a new French radio play in three acts, prologue, and epilogue, by Mmes Cita and Suzanne Malard, authors of *The Living God,* twice produced over nation-wide networks in this country by the National Council of Catholic Men in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company. It describes the life and work of a revered French docotr of the 19th century, noted for his Christian character and scientific achievement. This is approximately the 25th radio play that we know to have been written by the Mmes Malard, all solely for the honor and glory of God.

Laennec was produced over a French network and met with highly favorable reviews. The play also was published in a French medical journal, and, in order to make it available for production in this country, we are hopeful of securing a volunteer translator for the copy that is now in our hands. If there is one among our readers, we should be happy to hear from him.

An article on the tenth anniversary of the inauguration of the Catholic Hour written by Mlle Suzanne Malard was published in the April 9 issue of *Choisir,* French radio biweekly. The writer noted particularly the complete cooperation and accord that marked the relationship between the N.C.C.M. as the producers of the program, and the N. B. C. as its broadcasters.

Referring to the addresses given by Msgr. Sheen on "Peace, the Fruit of Justice," Mlle Malard closed her article with these words: "We know that the directors of American Catholic Action pray with fervor that the world may be guided along a route conforming to Christian principles.... Nor do we doubt at all of their deep sympathy at this moment, a sympathy which we prize most highly. To the Catholic Hour then, as it begins its second decade on the air, we say with warmest hopes and wishes: *Ad multos annos.*

Pamphlet Covers Brighten Up

Recipients of Catholic Hour pamphlets have noted the change in appearance of the most recent publications in this series. Beginning with *Memories,* issued to commemorate the Catholic Hour's Tenth Anniversary, a distinctive cover design has been drawn for each series pamphlet by Ade Bethune, well known Catholic artist.

The covers have not only been brightened by the pleasing color combinations of ink and paper but also by the individual designs which tell the story of the pamphlets simply, directly, and unassumingly. Altogether, including new covers for re-issued pamphlets, Miss Bethune has done 10 designs for the Catholic Hour in the past 14 weeks and will continue to do designs in the future.

The new Catholic Hour pamphlets include (in addition to *Memories,* 25c), *The Seven Last Words and the Seven Virtues* (15c), *What Kind of a World Do You Want* (10c), and *Law* (10c). New editions have been issued for *The Divine Romance* (15c), the first Catholic Hour series, and for *God and Governments* (10c).

Holy Father Sends Thanks for Catholic Hour Recordings

An expression of appreciation and good wishes from His Holiness Pope Pius XII has been received by the National Broadcasting Company following a gift to the Holy Father of a set of recordings of the Catholic Hour's tenth anniversary program. The letter addressed to Dr. Franklin Dunham, NBC's Director of Religious Programs, was written in the name of Pope Pius by Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

> "I have been instructed by His Eminence Cardinal Maglione, Secretary of State, to thank you and the National Broadcasting Company, in the name of the Holy Father, for the set of recordings of the Tenth Anniversary Program of the Catholic Hour which you so courteously offered to His Holiness," says Archbishop Cicognani's letter. "The Sovereign Pontiff was deeply pleased to receive this gift and charges me to express his good wishes for an ever increasing and fruitful progress in these enterprises which are so praiseworthy and useful to religion."

First Catholic Television Pamphlet Is Issued

The first in what is hoped may become a series of Catholic telecasts was sent out from an NBC studio on Easter Sunday over the RCA-NBC facilities and under the auspices of N. C. C. M. The address was given by the Right Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen and music was provided by the Paulist Choristers under the direction of Father Finn, C.S.P.

Now, we are happy to say that the address has been published in pamphlet form by the regular Catholic Hour printer, *Our Sunday Visitor Press,* Huntington, Ind., and is available for 5 cents per copy, $3.50 per 100 copies, plus postage. An individual cover design has been drawn for the pamphlet by Ade Bethune. The publication is entitled *The Spiritual Symbolism of Television.*

Accomplishments of The Catholic Hour

The first six months of 1940 witnessed greater Catholic Hour accomplishments than any previous half-year period in its ten years on the air. Six series of addresses were given over its 95 station NBC network and the written response from the radio audience exceeded 315,000 letters and cards.

In response to that amazing flood of inquiries, N. C. C. M. sent out (on request) a huge volume of Catholic literature—328,000 copies of free *Prayer Books for Our Times,* 90,000 free copies of individual addresses, and 109,500 copies of addresses in pamphlet form. In addition, some 10,000 typewritten letters were sent to inquirers whose letters required personal response.

On March 3d, a special tenth anniversary program was broadcast which featured addresses by leading Church and broadcasting officials headed by the Archbishop of New York and the president of the National Broadcasting Company. Three publications were issued to mark the anniversary and to tell the story of the Catholic Hour's ten years of service.

The tremendous increase in activities thus barely and incompletely outlined necessitated an increase of 28 persons in the Catholic Hour staff for three months of the period and increased postage and printing expense by several hundred per cent. Since the Catholic Hour budget is met entirely by voluntary subscriptions and these must be increased to meet the added expense, N. C. C. M. invites all persons interested in the program to contribute to its support.

CATHOLIC WOMEN *in* CATHOLIC ACTION

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Pope Pius XII Sends Apostolic Blessing to N. C. C. W.

AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING and commendation for the work of all groups affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women were contained in a recently received message from His Eminence, Cardinal Maglione, Secretary of State to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, to the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, N. C. W. C.

HIS EMINENCE, acknowledging the receipt of the bound volume of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, held in San Francisco last fall, stated:

"THIS report has had the close attention of His Holiness and its perusal has given him great satisfaction. He is keenly sensible of the immense value of the work for God and for Church which is being done by the Catholic women of the United States under the direction of Your Excellency as Episcopal Chairman, and he desires to lend to this work the high encouragement of his recognition and blessing. To Your Excellency, therefore, in the first place, and to the officers and members of this well-deserving organization, he imparts, as a pledge of enduring grace in your apostolate, his paternal Apostolic Benediction."

"NEEDLESS to say," said Archbishop Rummel in his letter of transmittal to N. C. C. W. headquarters, "I am delighted to know that the Holy Father and his Secretary of State are so profoundly appreciative of the good work done by our National Council of Catholic Women. This new expression of commendation and the apostolic blessing of the Vicar of Christ will be to all affiliated Councils and organizations a new stimulus for increased zeal in Catholic Action."

N. C. C. W. Activities in the Dioceses

Archdiocese of San Francisco, California

WHAT the Council of Catholic Women has meant in the Archdiocese, and what its contribution has been not only to Catholic but also to secular life was told in a glowing tribute to the San Francisco Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women by the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, at the annual convention of the Council.

"I think very few of us," said His Excellency, "realize the influence which your group has exerted not only upon our own Catholic people, not only in developing a Catholic consciousness among the womanhood of the Archdiocese, but also in presenting to our fellow citizens the spiritual ideals and principles of Holy Mother Church."

Archbishop Mitty went on to say that the world chaos today is due to the fact that God has been gradually ignored and neglected, forgotten and denied: that He has been put out of the world He created, out of the hearts and souls that were made to His image and likeness and that a natural, material, worldly life has been substituted.

"The great need in mankind today is God and spiritual ideals." And His Excellency pointed to this as one of the most important contributions that the Council has been and is still making to society. He asked the women to continue that work, to increase it and to intensify it.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Moriarty, archdiocesan director of Catholic Charities, who preached the sermon at the Solemn Mass, urged the women to pray to our Blessed Mother for peace.

In "The Catholic Church and International Peace" the Rev. Denis B. Barry stated that it was not likely any lasting international peace could be builded without the counsel of Our Holy Father, who in looking to the spiritual welfare of the world would necessarily take into consideration the economic interests of mankind.

The reports of County Council presidents showed growth, progress and remarkable contributions in many fields.

One of the councils maintained a calendar which served as a clearing house of dates for the various affiliated groups and parish organizations. Teachers have been furnished for the vacation schools. Mothers' clubs contributed to the schools through dental clinics, books, playgrounds and equipment, meals. Donations of money and magazines were given to The Shut-In Society.

The study club groups in one county have just completed a course in "Psychology" and are now attending a series of lectures on "Personal Sanctity."

Press Month exhibits and lectures were prominent among the activities. A series, "Catholic Contribution to Literature," and mimeographed booklets with name, writer and number of book, obtainable in the library was responsible for over 500 books being taken out in one week.

Mrs. Louis E. Miebach has given monthly book reviews, which have been so well attended that they will be continued during the summer. Mrs. Miebach read a list of books for summer reading, this list to be published in *The Monitor*.

Retreats for women and girls, receiving Holy Communion in a body, raising seminarian burses, visits to county hospitals and placing Catholic magazines there for inmates, as well as participating in civic affairs and drives have been some of the other activities of the various groups.

A message of gratitude and encouragement was given by the retiring president, Miss Florentine Schage, who expressed her appreciation to all the women for their part in helping her in the plans for the national convention

st year, in according her the privilege of representing em on many occasions, in helping her carry on the dele- ations of the Archbishop. Miss Schage pointed out the nportant contribution of each succeeding president in a ouncil, the first laying the foundations, the suceeding esidents building on that foundation toward a completion that foundation and the carrying on of projects for hich the foundation was laid.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Sullivan, spiritual direc- r, and the Rev. Eugene Shea, youth director, gave short lks.

Mrs. A. J. Aicher, national director for the Province San Francisco, installed the new officers. Miss Helen yrne is president for the coming term.

iocese of Monterey-Fresno

CONGRATULATIONS to the Diocesan Council on its tenth birthday were extended by the Most Rev. Philip Scher, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno, at the annual con- ention held at Salinas. After outlining the struggles of ie formative days, His Excellency complimented the women n their stick-to-it-iveness and praised them for their co- peration in programs he had suggested. He also lauded iem for having created a diocesan spirit throughout the iocese.

The generous cooperation of the women in the diocese ho helped further the growth of the Diocesan Council rom 20 affiliations in 1930 to 63 at the present time was ommended by Mrs. Mary Barkwill, retiring president, n her farewell address. She spoke of the high ideals and plendid courage of the women which had contributed to ie pleasure, happiness and comfort of many others.

Guests from neighboring dioceses at the convention in- uded Miss Florentine Schage, president of the San Fran- sco Archdiocesan Council, and Dr. Anna E. McCaughey, . C. C. W. national director from the Province of Los ngeles.

Dr. McCaughey, national chairman of the Committee n the National Catholic School of Social Service, ex- lained the work of the school and enumerated the posi- ons held by graduates of the school. Later Dr. Mc- aughey conducted a question and answer period on such ractical questions as entrance requirements, scholarships, uition, etc. The diocesan chairman gave a brief report f the money raised to date to meet the outstanding iocesan pledge. The Council pledged $100.00 to the school or the coming year.

Committee reports included organization and develop- ent, study clubs, shrines in the home, immigration, re- eats, international relations, mothers' clubs, and P.-T. A., nd publicity.

Several sessions were devoted to youth work, the youth roups staging a demonstration under the leadership of Irs. Marie McKinnon, diocesan chairman. Speakers in- uded the Rev. Harry Clinch, who is in charge of Sum- er Camp Teresita; Mrs. McCargar, who told of the work f the Junior Catholic Daughters of America; Mrs. Soren- on, the Catholic Girl Scout Groups; Mr. Sorenson, the . Y. O.; and Muriel Adams, "Youth and What It Wants oday."

Deanery reports showed activities in vacation school rojects, sponsoring of Newman Clubs, study clubs, wel- are work.

The principal addresses at the convention were given by r. Kilford Dip Lum, who spoke on "China Today"; Mrs. nne Fisher, of Carmel, who gave a review of her latest ok, "Cathedral in the Sun"; the Very Rev. Patrick 'Reilly, "Catholic Education"; and the Rev. Joseph aughn, "Personal Recollections of the Vatican."

Mrs. Jennie Uniacke, Visalia, was chosen incoming resident. Bakersfield will entertain the next convention.

iocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin

TRULY encouraging and inspiring was the sixth annual convention of the LaCrosse Diocesan Council of Cath- lic Women held at Eau Claire. Over 80 members of the clergy and approximately nine hundred guests made the attendance the largest since the organization of the Coun- cil. So large were the meetings that they had to be moved from the auditorium where they were originally scheduled to the church, where even the choir loft and the aisles were crowded.

The convention opened with Solemn High Mass, at which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. E. Dowd preached the sermon. He encouraged the women to accept the Blessed Virgin as their model; to remember always that they were daughters of Mary.

The morning sessions, presided over by Mrs. A. E. Blaschke, diocesan president, with the Most Rev. William R. Griffin, Auxiliary Bishop, as honorary chairman, were devoted to business. That outstanding work was accom- plished and notable progress made during the past year was revealed by the committee reports.

At the afternoon session, the Rev. F. X. Orthen, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, welcomed the assembly. He asked the members to devise ways and means to preserve and promote peace.

Mrs. Blaschke, in her yearly report, reviewed the organi- zation and growth of the Council in the six years of its existence, and the expansion of its program. From the 158 parishes in the Diocese, there are 152 affiliations.

The growth of the National Council of Catholic Women, its organization and the work undertaken to date were out- lined for the delegates by Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women.

A talk reminiscent of his conversion and a number of humorous sidelights on his experiences in his religious work in Australia were given by the Rev. Dr. L. Rumble, M.S.C., Sydney, Australia, author of "Radio Replies." Dr. Rumble was introduced by the Rev. C. M. Carty of St. Paul, his collaborator in "Radio Replies."

Bishop Griffin, in a brief closing talk referred to the wonderful turnout and said it was evidence of the energy with which the members of the organization were work- ing. He hoped that the Council could boast of 100 per- cent affiliation of all parishes shortly. Much of the en- thusiasm of the women may be attributed to the interest of His Excellency, who attended all of the deanery meetings, seven in number, which preceded the diocesan convention.

A great and growing interest has been manifested in the National Catholic School of Social Service in the Diocese. The Council during the year contributed $247 to the Maintenance Fund of the School.

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

THE Cleveland Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has the unusual distinction in that its Ordinary, Arch- bishop Joseph Schrembs, is the only living member of the original Administrative Board of the National Catholic War Council, the work of which resulted in the organiza- tion of the present Conference. Archbishop Schrembs was the first Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations and served in that capacity for nearly six- teen years, from the time of organization of the National Council of Catholic Women in March, 1920, until the fall of 1935.

In praise of the work of Archbishop Schrembs, the Most Rev. James A. McFadden, speaking at the luncheon meet- ing of the fourteenth annual convention of the Cleveland Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, said: "No other member of the Hierarchy has done more than our own chief shepherd in advancing the cause of the Church in its religious as well as in its sociological aspects."

Archbishop Schrembs gave the sermon at the Mass open- ing the convention. His Excellency asked the women to pray for peace, and in addition, to live such Christian lives that they would become "living tabernacles, daily exponents of the teaching of the Church, examples of what we are expected to be as members of the Church."

In a dramatic presentation, in four parts, the work of the Diocesan Council was reviewed, and a forecast for the future made, under the title "Ye are one, if Catholic—

Twenty Years of N. C. C. W." The Lorain Deanery presented the plan of the National Council's founders, the plan in Cleveland. The work was divided into seven sections: Immigrant aid, Akron Deanery; Study Clubs, Painesville Deanery; Catholic Social Service, Canton Deanery; Civic Participation, Youngstown Deanery; Recreation, Cleveland Deanery; Catholic Education, Catholic Parent-Teacher Associations; Spiritual Life, Warren Deanery. The future work was predicted by Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women since its foundation. A roll call of affiliated organizations showed the workers of the future.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Vincent B. Balmat, spiritual director, attended the sessions and opened the business meeting with prayer.

The report of the executive secretary, Mrs. Henry G. Kirby, showed that immigration work occupied the major portion of her time. Calls at the office had multiplied greatly because of the desire of many for citizenship.

For several years now the Cleveland Diocesan Council has issued its reports in mimeograph form so that the suggestions contained therein might be preserved for future reference. The reports of the deanery presidents this year tell of many and varied activities.

A president's rally, for the purpose of explaining the N. C. C. W. to all organizations in the deanery, whether affiliated or not, was held by one deanery. This same deanery formed a Speakers Bureau for the express purpose of training prospective speakers on important phases of council work.

Several of the deaneries are new in the Archdiocese, just having been established; therefore, the major part of their work centered about organization this year.

A Speakers Bureau was sponsored by one deanery, topics including "Crossroads of Christianity," "The History of the Drama," "Personality."

Under the auspices of the Akron Deanery a series of public lectures, written up previously in CATHOLIC ACTION, were held. In addition, a series of lectures on Family Life, featuring Dr. Henry C. Schumacher of the Child Guidance Clinic, Cleveland, were given. The topics included "The Modern Family," "Child Guidance," "The Adolescent and His Problems," and "The Home and the School." One deanery sponsored a lecture by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen on "Cross and Double Cross."

Special institutes and meetings on peace, inter-American relations and industry were held. The Industrial Problems Committee and the C. Y. O. groups held a luncheon lecture meeting at which Dr. Elizabeth Morrissy, co-chairman of the N. C. C. W. Committee on Industrial Problems, spoke on "A Democracy in a Changing World."

An institute on inter-American relations featured Sister Monica, O.S.U., of Notre Dame College, Cleveland.

The work of Study Clubs, extension of religious education, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and youth was undertaken in a number of the deaneries.

A panel on legislation was presented at one of the deanery meetings.

Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

IMPORTANT among the events at the seventeenth annual convention of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council were the youth meetings and the committee institute sessions.

Ways of advancing and making more effective the work of the Council were discussed in addresses by Council members. These included "The Importance of the Parish Council in Parish Activities," by Mrs. Warren Foster; "The Necessity of Study Clubs in Parish Councils," by Miss Mary Donohue; "Cooperation with Diocesan Directors of Special Projects," Miss Regina Burke; "The Importance of a Planned Program," Mrs. Bernard Seiple; "The Religious Vacation Schools—Our Project," Mrs. Thomas Murphy; "The Development of the Committee System," Mrs. Philip Daylor; "The Responsibility of the Individual for the Success of Parish Councils," Miss Virginia Fromeyer; "What the National Council Has Meant to Us," Mrs. James Foster; and "A Suggested Program of Reading," by Mrs. T. A. Bradley.

The delegates were privileged to see moving pictures of the work done in the religious vacation schools that have been financed by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council. The Council was proud to present to the Most Rev. George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg, $2,000 for the carrying on of vacation schools this summer.

Committee institute sessions centered about immigration, literature, study clubs and youth.

Over 1,000 young people attended the special sessions for youth. Principal speakers at an evening session for youth were Bishop Leech, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., of the Sodality of Our Lady; Dr. Elizabeth Morrissy, Notre Dame College, Baltimore, Maryland, and Miss Kathryn McCarthy, diocesan chairman of youth.

A special session was devoted to a conference for priests at which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, presided.

Prominent speakers who addressed sessions of the convention included the Rev. John A. Maguire, spiritual director of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council; the Rev. Roy C. Keffer, who delivered the opening sermon; the Rev. William Horrigan; the Rev. William Burke; the Honorable Dr. Howard E. Milliken, mayor of Harrisburg; Miss M. Pauline Casey, N. C. C. W. national director from the Province of Philadelphia; Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Robert Angelo was reelected president. Lancaster was chosen as the place for the 1941 convention.

Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women

THE annual convention of the Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization. The president, Mrs. John J. Arvey, in her message, pointed to these years as years of unified endeavor, of cultural, educational and philanthropic accomplishment. But she asked the members not to be satisfied with what had been accomplished. "Let us seek new fields of service in our various communities. Let us have more women trained in leadership." And Mrs. Arvey went on to point out fields of increased endeavor—state and national legislation affecting home, morals, schools, labor and religion; increasingly active interest in clean reading; more youth work, especially for the underprivileged and handicapped children; more retreats.

Through the recommendation of Mrs. Arvey, the Mary Connor Loan Fund for worthy students was extended to include the National Catholic School of Social Service.

The Public Welfare Committee of the Council has been particularly active in distributing Catholic literature and prayer books to CCC camps throughout the state. A total of 1,656 prayer books and 4,365 pieces of literature was distributed to camps in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and the Dioceses of LaCrosse, Green Bay and Superior.

At the convention, forums were presented on the Encyclicals, on literature, and on art.

As a guide for work for the coming year, the Council adopted resolutions which pledged the members to pray for peace, to found and develop more study clubs and lecture courses in order to create an intelligent public opinion leading to strengthening the forces of democracy, a better Christian family, preparation for Christian marriage; clean reading, movies and radio programs. The members pledged themselves to protest to those newspapers and magazines which openly advocate the dissemination of birth control information as a public function with the idea of tax-supported birth control clinics.

The Most Rev. Moses E. Kiley, Archbishop of Milwaukee, greeted the guests at the banquet session.

Miss Alice Dillon, Milwaukee, was elected president for the coming term.

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INSTITUTE *on* INDUSTRY NOTABLE SUCCESS

SPONSORED by the National Council of Catholic Women and the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department, the Young Catholic Workers' Institute on Industry, held at the National Catholic School of Social Service, June 16-23, 1940, was an outstanding success. Meeting a need long felt by young people employed in various branches of industry and business, the Institute, organized first in 1937, bids fair to become a permanent institution.

WITH earnestness and zeal that would put to shame the average group of students in schools of higher education, twenty-five young women abandoned their desks and workshops and assembled at the National Catholic School of Social Service to attend the Institute on Industry which has become an annual affair.

A more challenging and energetic group it would be difficult to find. They knew why the Institute was established and appreciated the opportunity offered them to study under expert guidance problems which they meet daily.

At every session these young women interrupted their instructors to ask questions and they were not slow to offer their own opinions—which incidentally was encouraged.

The set program for classes, centered on "Social Legislation," "The Labor Movement," "Labor Ethics," "Parliamentary Law," "Public Speaking" and "The Encyclicals."

Aside from the work accomplished with the regular staff of instructors, the Institute students made a visit to the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference where they were addressed by the heads of the several departments and heard the work of each department explained to them.

THE Honorable Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, spent an evening at the Institute. She explained the function of the U. S. Department of Labor and met informally with the students.

The Honorable Mary Norton, Congresswoman from New Jersey, was another who gave generously of her time to the students. She discussed the Fair Labor Standards Act and other measures in which they were interested.

An encouraging feature was the action of last year's students who returned this year, bringing other enthusiasts with them.

The Institute received a decided boost from a group of students at Marygrove College, Detroit: Justine L'Esperance, a senior sociology major, attended the school last summer and saw the need of supporting such a project. She and several other students got together and began a systematic movement to rouse interest in the Institute. They talked about it and they also did something about it. Even with graduation in the offing, a group of seniors found time to organize a successful bridge tea to raise scholarships for the Institute.

Committees were drawn up and the group went into action. The mothers and friends gave valuable assistance by their understanding help. They cheerfully solicited, publicized and sold tickets for the benefit of the Institute on Industry. The party was held at the League of Catholic Women in Detroit. As a result scholarships were provided for two young women.

Miss L'Esperance writes: "The immediate objective was obtained. The interest in the Institute which the girls aroused may prove to be even more widespread than one might at first imagine. The girls coming as they did from various points of the United States have interpreted the workers school to their own small circle of friends. Next year this same group of Marygrove students plan to undertake this activity on a slightly larger and more intensive scale. It is their hope that this scholarship fund for the Institute on Industry will become an established and permanent thing growing with the years."

THE Institute gave us a truer insight into these existing conditions so that we might speak our knowledge *with conviction.* And indirectly we learned to think a little more clearly, to evaluate this factor and that factor, to consider the long range point of view as well as the immediate need. And that in this day of emergency measures, is very important as one of our instructors pointed out.

More confident of ourselves and our convictions, we shall walk right into discussions of present problems with a light in our eyes and information on our tongues. For example, when one of us hears someone say: "Unions ought to be outlawed; we don't need them; they're just a bunch of Communists and gangsters; the workers were better off before they joined unions," then a girl from the Institute will say: "You are both right and wrong, because there are two kinds of unions, good and bad. But unionism, itself, is necessary, therefore it should not be outlawed. Pope Pius XI and even Pope Leo XIII, away back in 1892, insisted that the workers be allowed to organize in order to *bargain collectively* for their rights for only in such a way is their right to bargain insured."

OR WHEN people attack the capitalistic system, we can now point out that it is not the system, but the abuse of the system. Democracy provides means by which we *can cure* the ills of the system without tearing down the government itself.

The testimony of these young women and others offers the best proof of the value of the venture undertaken by the great body of Catholic women in the United States organized under the banner of the National Council of Catholic Women.

—LINNA E. BRESETTE.

THE OFFICE AT THE BATTERY

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the country in 1927 and became therefore a person who had been "convicted of a crime prior to entry."

Fortunately Michael had a fine record and in view of this and his long residence, the N. C. W. C. was able to get the immigration authorities to waive the "crime." Because of the technicalities of our immigration laws, however, it was still necessary for him to go out and be readmitted, though he did not have to obtain a visa since he had returned with one in 1927. Also he could not go to Canada because he is a German. So Michael took an airplane ride to the Mexican border where the N. C. W. C. representative arranged for his readmission to the United States in accordance with the terms of the Department of Labor's decision. Weeks of anxiety and three thousand miles by air—quite a price for a ham sandwich!

INTERESTS OF OUR YOUTH

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Federal and State child labor laws should be preserved and similar safeguards should be extended to children needing but not now receiving such protection. . . .

"7. Work opportunities should be made available for all youth who have completed their schooling. . . .

"8. The gains under Federal and State legislation for the conservation of home life for children in need should be maintained and developed. . . .

"9. We must consider ways in which we may help to safeguard the children of other lands from such misfortunes as hunger and homelessness. . . .

"10. The social gains of the past decade should be maintained in the present critical period. . . .

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